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BENTON TWP.

Township removes superintendent position

Top officials to absorb workload

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township is no longer in search for its next superintendent.

Township officials have decided to not fill the vacancy left by former Superintendent Kelli Smith last August, and are instead opting to eliminate the position.

Finding Smith's replacement proved more arduous than township officials thought after the township board experienced two deaths and a new supervisor.

Now, the responsibilities that once were held by the superintendent are being divided between Supervisor Cathy Yates, Clerk Carolyn Phillips, Treasurer Debbie Boothby and the township's comptroller.

"The three of us met and looked at what was needed to run the township and we divided those duties among ourselves to get them done," Phillips said.

The decision was made due to an expected decrease in state funding and a gradual change in what each person has taken on in the past 12 months.

Boothby said Smith was hired as the superintendent to oversee the departments – since the supervisor position is considered a part-time job – and to take some of the weight off of other staff members.

"It's a team approach to running the township," Boothby said. "In essence, the community voted for us. This is what they asked us to do, so we are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of residents."

A search committee had been formed to look at potential candidates for the superintendent position. However, the search was postponed following two untimely deaths on the board.

Former Supervisor Kevin White died from injuries he sustained in an accident that occurred while working along I-94 for the Michigan Department of Transportation on Oct. 24.

Then Trustee Carolyn Fowler, who served on Benton Township's board for nearly two decades, died Nov. 24 after battling

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RENOVATION ON TRACK

Don Campbell / HP staff

Renovation work continues Wednesday morning on the historic former Harbor Center building in downtown Benton Harbor. The 20,000-square-foot building, originally built in 1882 and then called the Gray Building, is located on the corner of Main and Pipestone Streets. The latest version, called Harbor Flats, will feature a combination of apartments and commercial space, once completed. The building's interior and exterior have both changed extensively over the years during several makeovers.

Seawalls, other barriers could have lasting impact on Great Lakes after water recedes

By LYNN MOORE
mlive.com

Desperate measures to protect homes from erosion and high water could have lasting impacts on Great Lakes' once-natural coastlines that have been hardened with rock and steel.

That was one of the concerns raised during a Lakeshore Sustainability Forum with U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland, Tuesday.

Homeowners, businesses and local governments are fortifying disappearing beaches and dunes with tons of riprap, chunks of concrete and steel seawalls with varying degrees of success. In some instances, they have exacerbated erosion rather than solve it.

And the question remains what the long-term impact on the lake will be.

Roger Cargill, whose family has owned a cottage on Lake Michigan for generations, told Huizenga about a neighbor whose seawall failed, leading to the collapse of that neighbor's property leading to Lake Michigan as well as that of a neighboring homeowner whose house was left just 2 feet from the bluff's edge.

Cargill's family has placed 400 tons of limestone on the shore to protect their cottage near Mears, he said. Many others have as well, turning a natural or "soft" shoreline into a hardened one that have changed the lake's dynamics.

"Now there are miles and miles and miles of hardened shoreline," he said. "That's not a good thing. Even if the water goes down, it doesn't allow it to regain the shore.

"But we did what we had to do to protect the shoreline."

Cargill believes the addition of steel pile walls in particular, often the only choice for desperate property owners, has changed the big lake itself.

"It's amazing the number of riptides that we're seeing now compared to what I saw when I was growing up," he said. "I believe it's all because of what we've done to the shoreline. It's changed a lot of the scope of how the lake reacts to the shore."

Once water levels recede, and erosion control measures are no longer needed, those structures likely will remain in place – impacting the lake's ability to repair itself and replenish beaches, Kathy Evans, environmental program manager for the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, told MLive.

As Cargill described, seawalls can worsen erosion of property around them, said Evans, who also participated in Tuesday's forum.

When asked if the rock armoring and seawalls can be removed, Evans told MLive "Can and will are two different questions." Just as permits are needed to put them in, permits will be required to take them out, she said.

"We don't want to rush to armor everything," she said, adding that instead, policies are needed to restrict where structures can be built.

Huizenga agreed, saying during the forum that the federal flood insurance program has exacerbated the problem because it has no restrictions on the number of times a person can collect insurance and rebuild. He suggested a "three strikes and you're out" solution.

"If God and Mother Nature are telling you it really doesn't want your structure there, maybe it's time to not have a structure there," Huizenga said.

Lake Michigan's high-water levels have ripped structures, including docks, stairs, decks and even septic tanks off shores and dunes, littering beaches and waterways with their mangled remains.

Evans said grant money has been available to communities to purchase equipment to help with cleanup. But those cities have been so overwhelmed with other issues, including coronavirus-related financial problems and staff reductions, that they haven't been able to apply for the grants, she told MLive.

With fall storms looming, much of that debris will end up washed back into the lake and in some cases redeposited elsewhere, said Evans, whose organization, among many other initiatives, works on cleanup of lakes.

"How long are we going to deal with this? And how are we going to do it? I don't know," she said. "But I'm sure we'll be working on it."

Construction worker killed in trench collapse

Accident occurred at site of new home going up in Casco Twp.

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — A worker from a South Haven construction company died Wednesday morning while working on a home-building project on Lakeshore Drive in Casco Township, according to police.

Allegan County Sheriff's deputies responded at 9:34 a.m. to the report of a trench collapse on Lakeshore Drive in Casco Township, according to a sheriff's department news release, after a deBest Inc. worker had become trapped in the trench.

At the time of the collapse, the worker, whose name was not released Wednesday pending notification of his family, was working on underground utilities. According to police he was approximately 12 feet below ground level at a construction site for the new home.

Workers on scene were able to extricate the man prior to the arrival of first responders. However, the man had succumbed to his injuries.

The Allegan County Sheriff's department was assisted at the scene by South Haven Area Emergency Services.

Photo provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

A man working at this new home site in Casco Township died Wednesday after a trench collapsed, according to police.

Michigan to give jobless extra $300 a week under Trump plan

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan has applied for federal funding to provide an additional $300 a week in unemployment benefits amid the coronavirus pandemic – less than the $600 boost that expired last month but still more than the maximum $362 weekly payment the state dispenses.

President Donald Trump this month signed an order extending the added weekly benefit after he and Congress were unable to agree to a broader new pandemic relief plan. States can choose a $300- or $400-a-week option, though they would have to chip in $100 toward the higher amount.

"This program will provide some much needed support for families that are struggling to put food on the table or pay their bills, but it's a short term Band-Aid that falls short of what's needed," Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, said in a statement Tuesday. "A robust congressional recovery package that meets the scale of this crisis is what's needed to help individuals who have lost work as a result of the pandemic get through this unprecedented

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Pharmacists can give childhood shots, U.S. officials say

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pharmacists in all 50 states are now allowed to give childhood vaccinations under a new directive aimed at preventing future outbreaks of measles and other preventable diseases.

Alex Azar, the head of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, took the step using emergency powers he has during the U.S. coronavirus epidemic, which was declared a public health emergency. The directive announced Wednesday will temporarily preempt restrictions in 22 states starting this fall.

The move is designed to help prevent vaccination rates from falling during the pandemic, Azar said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that orders for childhood vaccines from doctors' offices plummeted in late March and early April as their offices closed or saw fewer patients, raising concerns that vaccination rates would fall.

But a survey of pediatricians in May suggested that most offices were open and able to give recommended shots, and more than half were able to take on new patients if needed. Another CDC report from late last month noted New York City saw a rebound in kids getting their shots. National 2020 numbers from the agency are not expected for another year.

"Especially as we approach the school season, it is critical that children have easy access to the pediatric vaccinations to enable them to get back to school as schools reopen," Azar said.

The Trump administration has been pushing for schools and day care centers to reopen, as part of an effort to allow parents to return to work and help revive the economy.

Currently 28 states allow pharmacists to administer vaccinations to children, Azar said. In 22 states, laws limit such vaccinations, including three states that prohibit pharmacists from giving immunizations to any kids.

The authorization allows state-licensed pharmacies to administer childhood vaccines without a doctor's prescription. Pharmacists must first complete a training program, although many already have, Azar said.

The measure does not OK pharmacists to give shots to children younger than 3. Some of the most important childhood vaccinations are given to babies and toddlers, but pharmacists don't have the training or medical support to administer doses to young children, said Dr. Brett Giroir, the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health.

Most childhood vaccinations are given at doctor's offices and it's relatively unusual for kids to get vaccinations at pharmacies. In 2018, only about 7 percent of childhood flu shots were administered at pharmacies, according to CDC data. And it's even rarer for other childhood shots to be given at drug stores.

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Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
02-09-31-33-40-44
Midday Daily 3
7-0-4
Midday Daily 4
5-8-7-4
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7-8-9
Daily 4
7-1-8-6
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02-15-16-19-22
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Mega Millions jackpot
$49 million
Powerball jackpot
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Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
04-18-26-27-58, Mega Ball: 23, Megaplier: 4
Indiana
Cash 5
10-18-36-39-44
Cash4Life
25-31-47-48-59, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
03-06-13-16-18-19-21-22-23-24-31-35-36-39-41-50-62-64-71-76, BE: 6
Daily Three-Midday
8-3-7, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
9-7-7, SB: 0
Daily Four-Midday
2-6-8-8, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
0-5-3-4, SB: 0
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03-09-10-13-18-19-22-27-30-42-44-50-51-54-60-61-62-76-77-79, BE: 62
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Pick Three-Midday
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Pick Three-Evening
4-3-1, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Midday
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1-8-6-1, Fireball: 6
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Democratic National Convention via AP

Tracee Ellis Ross, serving as moderator, speaks during the second night of the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday.

How Black women cleared a path for Harris to be the VP pick

By KAT STAFFORD
Associated Press

DETROIT — When Hazel Dukes stepped onto the Democratic National Convention stage in 1972 to second Shirley Chisholm's presidential nomination, it amounted to more than history.

It was a moment of hope.

The legacy of Chisholm, who famously said she was "unbossed and unbothered," was cemented that day as the first Black woman to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. Dukes said Chisholm and others hoped her historic run would lay the foundation for future generations of Black women to ascend into powerful political roles to usher in systemic change within their communities.

And 48 years later, that hope is being realized as California Sen. Kamala Harris accepted the Democratic Party's vice presidential nomination on Wednesday. She is the first Black woman and first Asian American woman named to a major party presidential ticket.

"Shirley exhibited the strength of Ida B. Wells, Mary McLeod Bethune and Fannie Lou Hamer and she was a powerhouse," said Dukes, 88, a lifelong activist and current president of the NAACP New York State Conference. "African American women, we've been in this struggle. And now we are showing our power and our strength. We are saying this is our moment and our space, and we are claiming it."

That energy could decide whether Harris and Joe Biden win in November. Black voters, especially women, are a critical part of the Democratic coalition and could sway the results in critical states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Florida.

But historically, Black women have fought the racism and sexism that prevented them from having prominent roles within the movements for women's suffrage and civil rights. While their organizing and political contributions had measurable impact, experts say, they were largely relegated to the sidelines, or in some cases, seemingly wiped from the historical record.

That reminder is especially clear as America marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote – a right that most Black women weren't afforded until much later.

"This is certainly a watershed moment for them, but I do think it's important to emphasize that descriptive representation, as powerful as this is for women, is only that much more sweeter when it results in substantive representation," said Ravi Perry, Howard University's political science chair. "That upper glass ceiling is still there, and we are still one of the last developed nations to see a woman head of state."

Some hope Harris' address is a rousing speech a time of immense economic uncertainty and racial reckoning and others hope her remarks will be set against the legacy of the many Black women on whose shoulders they believe she stands.

Her speech follows former first lady Michelle Obama, whose powerful remarks Monday kicked off the convention and outlined the dire stakes for the election ahead. She declared that President Donald Trump was "in over his head" and the "wrong president for our country."

Mrs. Obama hinted at the legacy of Black women in politics and how, even in 2020, a Black woman speaking with conviction at the convention might not be met with open arms by some, a stark reminder that the road to prominence within politics and the Democratic Party has not been easy for women of color, especially Black women.

"Now, I understand that my message won't be heard by some people," Mrs. Obama said. "We live in a nation that is deeply divided, and I am a Black woman speaking at the Democratic convention."

The first Black woman to run technically for vice president was Charlotta Bass in 1952. Bass, who was a newspaper publisher, ran through the Progressive Party, according to author and Johns Hopkins University history professor Martha Jones.

Bass receives little attention, Jones said, because her radical ideas at the time were met with great resistance.

"I think there's a temptation to kind of sanitize Black women's political history, and I think part of the reason we don't remember Bass is because she doesn't fit a shiny, polished mold of respectable Black women," said Jones, whose forthcoming book is "Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All."

"Black women have always been ambitious and nimble and willing to engage in a broad range of political views in order to figure out the problem of an American democracy that for so long disappoints Black Americans," she said.

But the legacy of Black women extends beyond politics, according to Johnnetta Cole, who became the first African American female president of historically Black Spelman College and national chair of the National Council of Negro Women.

"I have had this extraordinary honor of seeing strong Black women leaders, and there's an expression of, 'If you see one, you can be one,'" said Cole, who was mentored by civil rights legends Mary McLeod Bethune and Dorothy Height. "We are shaped and we are propelled by others. There's no question that our foremothers paved the way. But while we can talk in a moment about the extraordinary, exquisite selection of Sen. Kamala Harris, let's not declare that it's all victory."

Much work remains. America has yet to have its first Black female governor. And while inroads have been made, Black women remain significantly underrepresented in politics.

And younger grassroots organizers are balancing the historic nature of Harris' selection with her record as California attorney general and district attorney in San Francisco, which some believe could make it difficult for her and Biden to galvanize support among younger Black and Latino voters.

Some of Harris' critics say she focused on issues that punished poor and minority families. Among them, she took on truancy and supported a statewide law modeled on her city initiative that threatened parents with jail time, fines and lost public benefits if they failed to send their children to school. But in recent years, Harris has supported more progressive criminal justice reform measures.

Karissa Lewis, the Movement for Black Lives' national field director, said she knows many activists who are inspired by Harris and others who have been "deeply and negatively impacted by some of the historical legacy of Harris."

But Lewis said it's too soon to know whether Harris will truly follow in the steps of women who came before her like Fannie Lou Hamer, a beloved civil rights activist.

"It is clear to us at M4BL that no matter who occupies the White House in January, it will require sustained struggle in building our political power to be able to shape a true Black national agenda," Lewis said.

"Fannie Lou Hamer is the model and someone that a lot of folks in modern-day movements look to," she said. "So thinking back to some of Fannie's powerful speeches, it was clear that she was speaking for the people and felt accountable to the people. I think time will tell if Harris sees herself aligned with movement and brings movement along with her."

UN crisis looms as U.S. readies demand for Iran sanctions

By EDITH M. LEDERER and MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — After a resounding defeat in the U.N. Security Council, the United States is poised to call for the United Nations to reimpose sanctions on Iran under a rarely used diplomatic maneuver – a move that is likely to further isolate the Trump administration and may set off a credibility crisis for the United Nations.

The sanctions had been eased under the 2015 nuclear deal that President Donald Trump withdrew from two years ago. But last week the U.S. lost its long-shot bid to indefinitely extend an international arms embargo on Iran and has now moved to a new diplomatic line of attack.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Wednesday the move would come "soon," but he would not discuss timing. He was expected to travel to New York on Thursday to notify the Security Council president that the U.S. was invoking the "snapback" mechanism in the council's resolution that endorsed the nuclear deal.

Pompeo will also meet with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at his residence, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Wednesday.

"I don't have any announcements on timing about what we're going to do, but the president's made clear we're going to do it soon and we will," Pompeo told reporters, brushing aside concerns that other nations may not recognize the American move.

"This will be a fully valid enforceable Security Council resolution and we have every expectation that it will be enforced just like every other Security Council resolution that is in place," he said. "We will be in full compliance with that and we have every expectation that every country in the world will live up to its obligations."

Snapback allows participants to demand the restoration of all U.N. sanctions in a complicated procedure that cannot be blocked by a veto.

Pompeo and Trump have made no secret of their intention to invoke snapback, especially since their attempt to extend the arms embargo suffered an embarrassing defeat last Friday. The U.S. won just one other "yes" vote, with China and Russia opposed and the 11 other members abstaining.

"Iran's support for its proxies in Syria only helps to bolster the Assad regime and undermine the U.N. process," said U.S. Ambassador Kelly Craft in remarks at Wednesday's council meeting on Syria. "How will giving Iran access to more weapons serve the interests of international peace and security?"

Just like the arms embargo extension, the administration's snapback plan is bitterly opposed by China and Russia as well as the other Security Council members, including U.S. allies Britain and France, and could set the stage for a battle over the legitimacy of the U.N.'s most powerful body.

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SOUTH HAVEN SCHOOLS

School board extends Schooley contract but foregoes raise

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven Board of Education members have given thumbs up to Superintendent Kevin Schooley's job performance by extending his contract three years, but they stopped short of giving him a raise.

"The board and Mr. Schooley decided jointly that a raise at this time, with funding uncertainty, wouldn't be a good idea," school board President Laura Bos said, referring to anticipated reductions in the state's School Aid fund for the 2020-21 school year.

As a result of the board decision, Schooley's annual salary will remain at $135,000, a figure the board settled on when hiring him in 2018.

School board members voted to extend Schooley's contract earlier this month after evaluating his performance over the past year.

"The board performed an evaluation earlier in the summer and has been pleased with Mr. Schooley's performance," Bos said.

Schooley, like school superintendents throughout the country, has been saddled with determining the best way to begin the school year amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We're still in the midst of a serious health crisis," Schooley told members of the South Haven Kiwanis Club, where he was invited Monday to give an update on the district's back-to-school plans. "There's no playbook for dealing with this pandemic. ... It's a new normal for kids, parents, teachers, bus drivers, everyone."

South Haven district officials announced last week school will begin online this year starting Aug. 31, based on feedback they have received from staff and parents.

"We will begin our transition to in-person learning gradually," Schooley said. "We've consistently surveyed parents and teachers throughout the summer. ... The No. 1 topic for everyone is safety. That pointed to us that a balanced approach to doing this (re-opening school) is what's prudent. I'd love to come back, but we have to be prudent."

SH teachers ratify new 3-year contract

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — After several months of negotiations, South Haven Public Schools administrators and the teachers union have hammered out a new contract.

Board of Education members approved the pact Tuesday at a special meeting after members of the South Haven Education Association ratified it Monday. The contract replaces the previous three-year pact, which expired June 30.

"Our negotiating team was pleased with the outcome of negotiations, and while it was a unique experience to negotiate virtually, we found the process to be a fair and positive experience," said Andrea Jegier, president of the South Haven teachers union.

The three-year contract calls for an increase in salaries for the first year, according to Board of Education President Laura Bos. Level 1 teachers (those with the least seniority) will receive a 2 percent increase in salary; level 2 teachers, a 1.5 percent increase; and Level 3, a 1.25 percent increase.

"This is a one-year agreement on salary, but a three-year agreement on all other areas of the contract," Bos said. After the one-year salary portion of the contract expires June 30, 2021, it will be re-examined.

The union was particularly pleased with the 1.25 percent increase for Level 3 instructors, according to Jegier.

"We were able to agree upon a .25 percent increase to the percentage applied to Level 3, making the multiplier 1.25 percent. This increase helps to encourage longevity within our district," she said.

The contract calls for other incentives for teachers.

"We added language that states that teachers will be reimbursed up to $325 for any personal items broken, should they experience a physical assault while at work," Jegier said. "We also added a stipulation that teachers who develop and present professional development will be compensated for their time spent planning and presenting the professional development material."

Other changes include modifications to the compensation for other positions.

"Our two negotiating teams (SHEA and administration) worked together at the 'virtual table' to build equity in pay among the coaching and arts positions," Jegier said.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Don Campbell / HP staff

Geese gather along the St. Joseph River at Riverview Park in St. Joseph on Wednesday.

Berrien County Historical Association alters annual fundraiser

Deadline for tickets is Sept. 8

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien County Historical Association is going back to the 1920s during its annual Signature Event on Sept. 17.

With the theme of "All That Jazz," Executive Director Rhiannon Cizon said there will be a silent auction, costume contest, cocktail/mocktail demonstration and plenty of food while jazz music plays in the background.

She said this event is the association's major fundraiser of the year. For information on how to donate to the silent auction and to buy tickets, go to http://berrienhistory.org/signature-event. The deadline to buy tickets that include dinner is Sept. 8.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cizon said the event will look a little different from previous years. Participants can decide if they want to celebrate on the museum grounds in Berrien Springs with the historic 1839 Courthouse in the background, or if they prefer to join the fun virtually via Zoom.

"We want a feeling of celebration, of excitement. We're celebrating the BCHA and all that we do and celebrating all the things that we plan on doing," Cizon said. "The funds from our Signature Event go towards operations, programs, exhibits. This is a much needed fundraiser for us, especially in the age of COVID-19, when donations are down."

She said that they are ready to hold the event entirely virtual if needed. People participating virtually will be given instructions on how to compete in the costume contest.

Cizon said that people attending the event in person will need to maintain social distance from people not in their group and to wear face masks, except when eating. In addition, she said that 10-person tables will be limited to five people.

Dinner choices are salmon, roasted chicken or grilled portobello mushrooms. People who attend the event virtually can pick up their dinners on-site or have them delivered for a $10 donation.

The basic ticket option, The Goods, costs $25 and includes a digital access link to the music and early access to the silent auction. This option is for off-grounds only and doesn't include food.

Other ticket options also include:

- Bees Knees for $50, which includes one dinner at home or on-site and a goody bag.
- The Heavy Sugar for $500, which includes a table for 10 on-site, a complimentary bottle of wine and goodie bags.
- On the Trolley for $400, which includes everything in The Heavy Sugar package except it's enjoyed at home.

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Woman, 90, dies in crash near Niles

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

NILES — A Niles woman is dead following a two-vehicle crash Wednesday in Cass County's Milton Township.

According to the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Patricia McIntyre, 90, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 10:20 a.m. accident.

It happened on U.S. 12 at the M-60 interchange near Niles. Police said McIntyre was attempting a left turn onto U.S. 12 when she pulled into the path of an eastbound vehicle driven by Cody Cummings, 23, of Benton Harbor. His vehicle struck McIntyre's on the driver's side, police said.

Photo provided

Police say a 90-year-old woman was killed Wednesday in a two-car crash on U.S. 12.

According to a news release from the sheriff's office, Cummings' vehicle caught fire and the fire was extinguished by other drivers in the area. They helped Cummings and two children, ages 5 and 7, get out of the vehicle. The three were taken to South Bend Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Police said everyone involved was wearing a seatbelt. The crash remains under investigation.

Cass County deputies were assisted at the scene by Michigan State Police, Niles Township Fire Department, Michigan Department of Transportation, Southwest Michigan Community Ambulance Service and Edwardsburg ambulance.

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BH moves forward with trash pick-up plan

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor is one step closer to picking up its own trash.

At a special meeting Wednesday, city commissioners approved buying 2,700 trash containers for $142,850 from Rehrig Pacific Company, a California company with an representative in Columbus, Ohio.

Commissioner Ron Singleton, who has been spearheading the effort, said after the meeting that he was pleased with the unanimous vote.

"Some commissioners questioned the timeline, but they all believe that we should be doing this," he said.

Getting the cans ordered needed to be done as soon as possible so the company can make the cans and deliver them to the residents the last week of September, Singleton said. The city is expected to take over trash collection from Wecycle Industrial Sanitation the first week in October.

As part of the quote, the cans will have computer chips in them so any stolen cans could be found. Cory Echols, sales representative with the company, said the chips can also detect when a can is tipped so the progress of the garbage truck can be tracked.

Singleton said the cost will be financed by Rehrig Financial Services.

Commissioners also approved setting up a Sanitation Division within the Public Works Department. Commissioners are expected to consider approving two full-time positions and one part-time position for trash collection, at a future meeting.

Next, Singleton said he's working on locating a used garbage truck. He said the cost of the truck can also be financed through Rehrig.

Singleton said that the money it costs to set up the trash division will be more than made up by the estimated $200,000 in annual savings.

Commissioner MaryAlice Adams said during the meeting that she's glad that the city will start taking care of its own trash.

"I'm tired of Benton Harbor outsourcing itself as a city," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Active COVID-19 cases stay the same Wednesday

Berrien County broke even Wednesday, recording 13 new COVID-19 cases and 13 recoveries.

No new deaths were added, keeping the number of active cases in the county at about 103. Last Wednesday the county had about 83 active cases.

Cass County added one new COVID-19 case Wednesday and Van Buren County added nine. Neither county recorded any new deaths.

As of Sunday, Berrien County had about 3.9 percent of its COVID-19 tests coming back positive. Cass County had 4.5 percent and Van Buren County had 2.9 percent.

No new outbreaks have been reported in the county's long-term care facilities in several weeks.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating five COVID-19 patients as of Wednesday morning, down from 8 on Tuesday and 13 last Wednesday.

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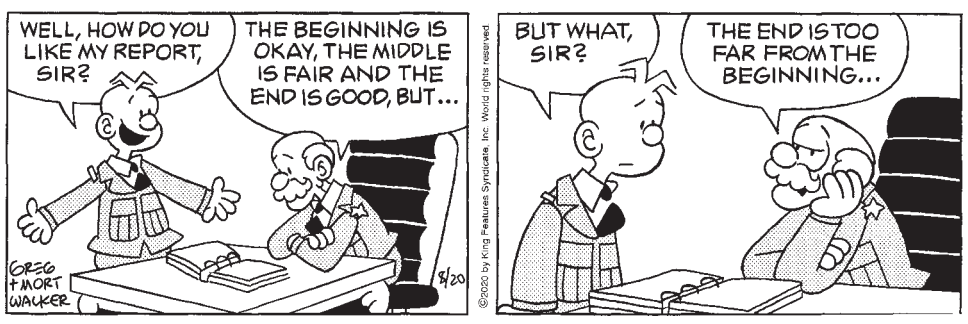
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY REPORT, SIR?
THE BEGINNING IS OKAY, THE MIDDLE IS FAIR AND THE END IS GOOD, BUT...
GREG + MORT WALKER
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BUT WHAT, SIR?
THE END IS TOO FAR FROM THE BEGINNING...
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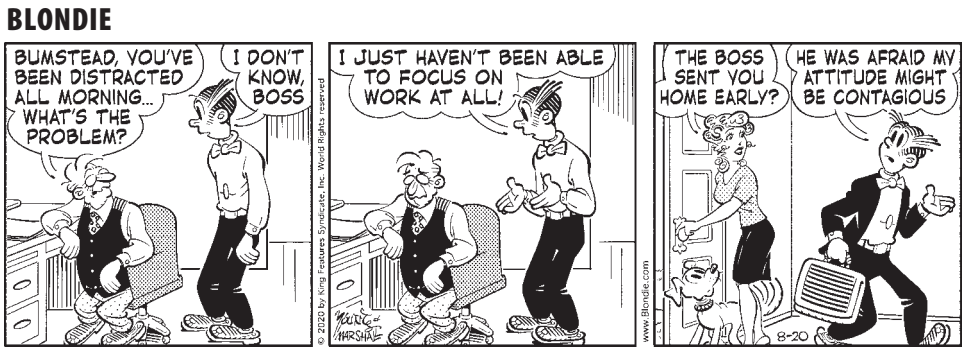
BUMSTEAD, YOU'VE BEEN DISTRACTED ALL MORNING... WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I DON'T KNOW, BOSS
I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON WORK AT ALL!
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THE BOSS SENT YOU HOME EARLY?
HE WAS AFRAID MY ATTITUDE MIGHT BE CONTAGIOUS
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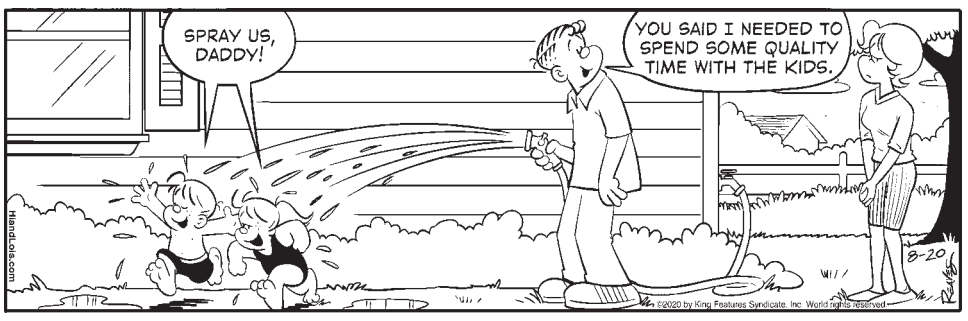
SPRAY US, DADDY!
YOU SAID I NEEDED TO SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH THE KIDS.
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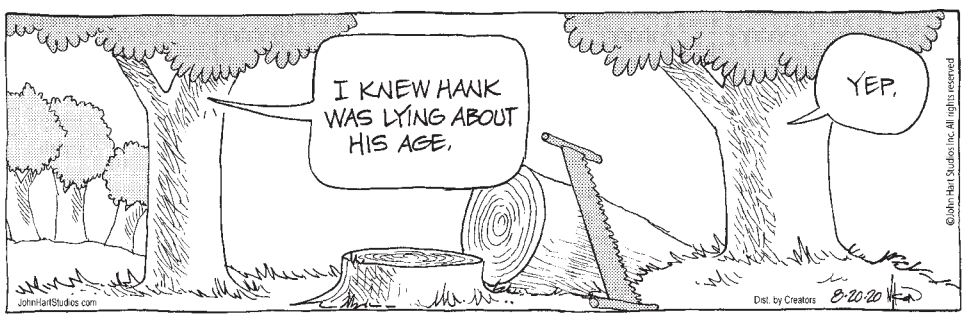

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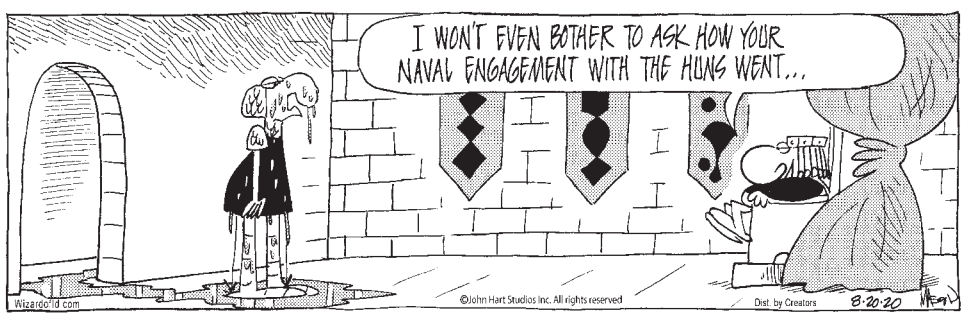
I WON'T EVEN BOTHER TO ASK HOW YOUR NAVAL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE HUNS WENT...
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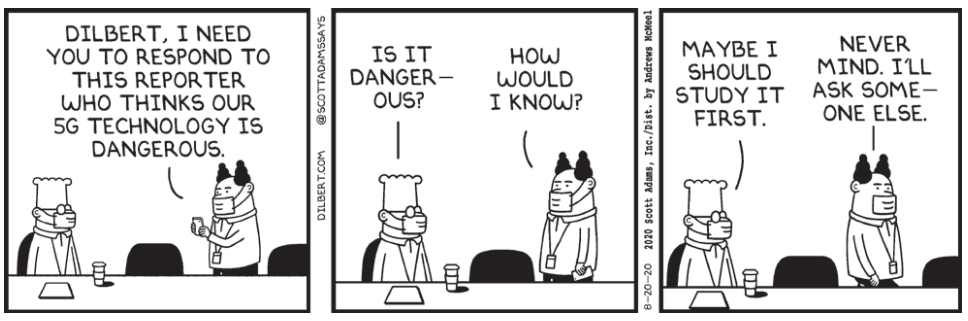
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IS IT DANGER— OUS?
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
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MAYBE I SHOULD STUDY IT FIRST.
NEVER MIND. I'LL ASK SOME— ONE ELSE.

GARFIELD

SOMEDAY...
IT WILL BE TIME FOR SOMEONE YOUNGER AND CUTER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE
STUPID SOMEDAY
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FORT KNOX

FRANK, LET ME TAKE CARE OF THAT TOOTH FOR YOU.
HOW, PEARL?
BY KNOCKING IT OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU KNOCK OUT THE WRONG ONE??
KEEP TRYING.
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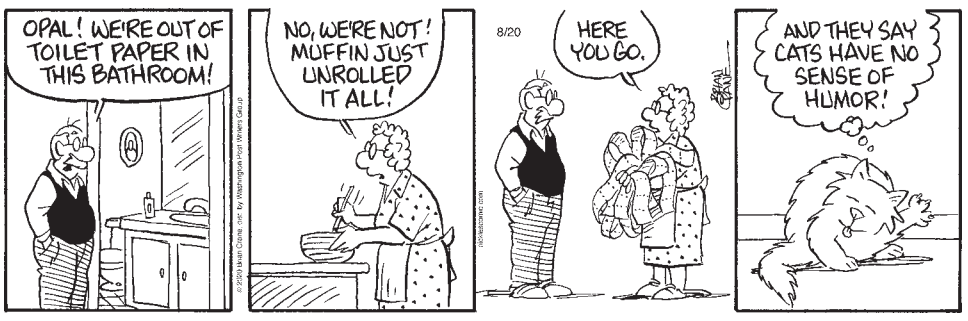
PICKLES


OPAL! WE'RE OUT OF TOILET PAPER IN THIS BATHROOM!
NO, WE'RE NOT! MUFFIN JUST UNROLLED IT ALL!
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HERE YOU GO.
AND THEY SAY CATS HAVE NO SENSE OF HUMOR!

FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

SO, ARE YOU GOING TO BUY ME SOME PURPLE HAIR DYE?
ZOE...
...YOU HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL HAIR. I CAN'T DO IT.
I UNDERSTAND.
WHERE'S THE PURPLE SPRAY PAINT?
MIDDLE SHELF, BY THE DROPCLOTHS.
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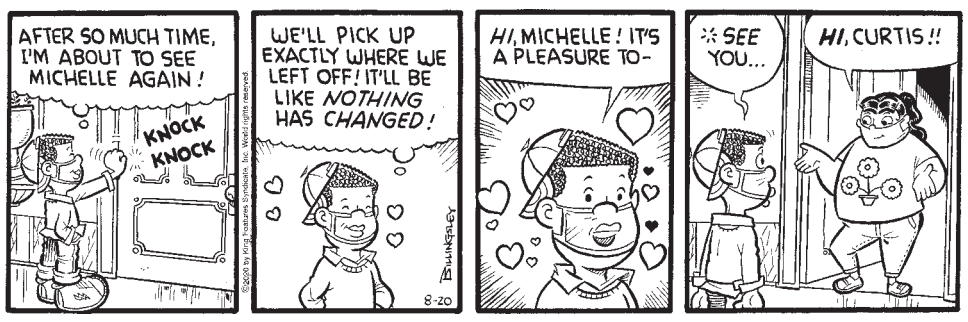
AFTER SO MUCH TIME, I'M ABOUT TO SEE MICHELLE AGAIN!
KNOCK KNOCK
WE'LL PICK UP EXACTLY WHERE WE LEFT OFF! IT'LL BE LIKE NOTHING HAS CHANGED!
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HI, MICHELLE! IT'S A PLEASURE TO-
SEE YOU...
HI, CURTIS!!

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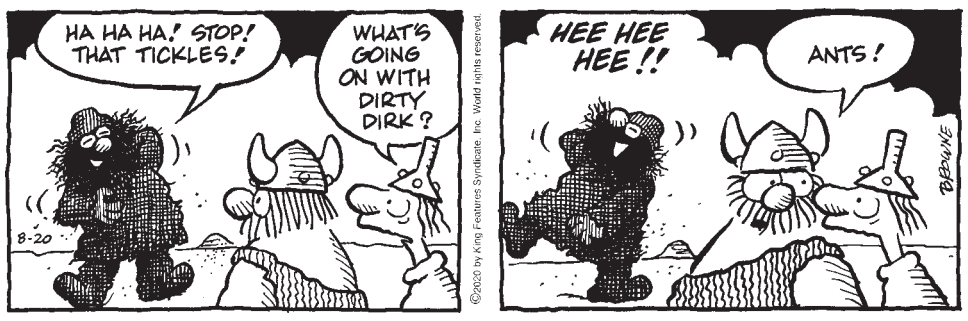

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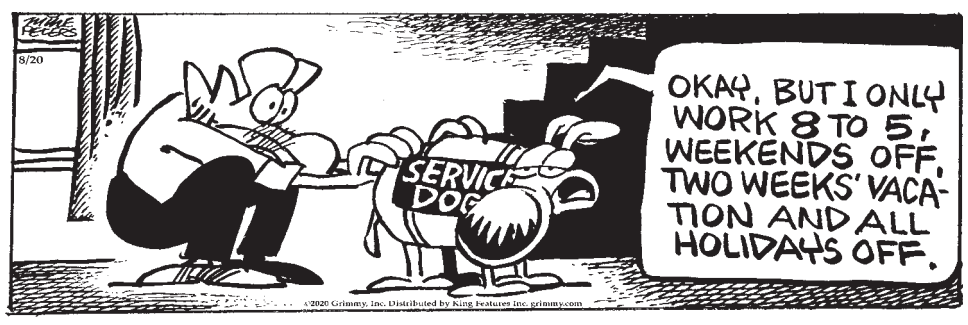
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SERVICE DOG
OKAY, BUT I ONLY WORK 8 TO 5, WEEKENDS OFF, TWO WEEKS' VACATION AND ALL HOLIDAYS OFF.
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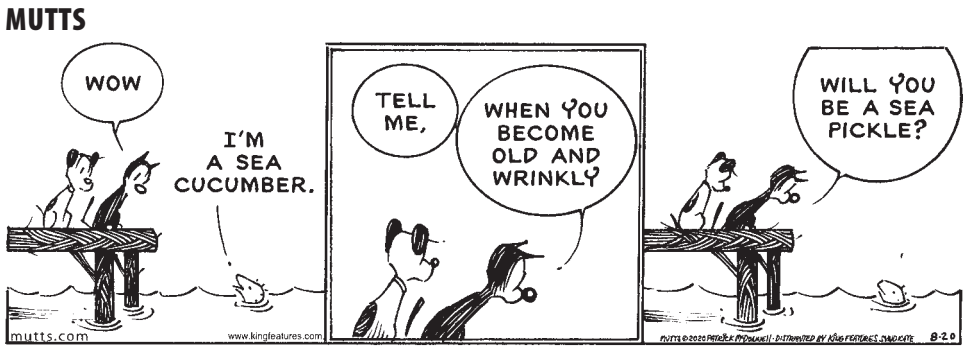

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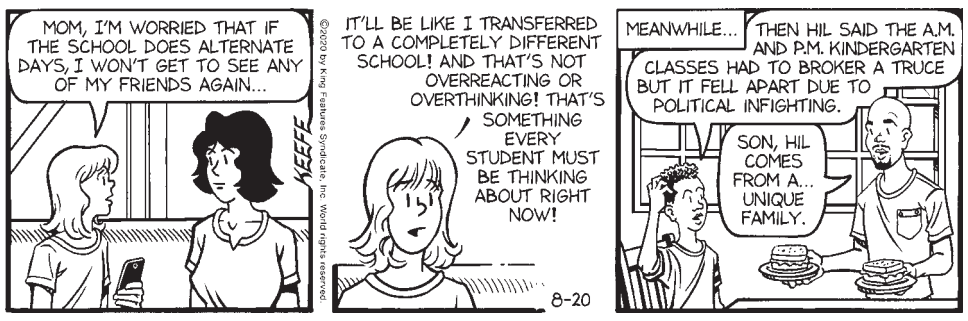
MOM, I'M WORRIED THAT IF THE SCHOOL DOES ALTERNATE DAYS, I WON'T GET TO SEE ANY OF MY FRIENDS AGAIN...
KEEFE
IT'LL BE LIKE I TRANSFERRED TO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SCHOOL! AND THAT'S NOT OVERREACTING OR OVERTHINKING! THAT'S SOMETHING EVERY STUDENT MUST BE THINKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW!
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MEANWHILE...
THEN HIL SAID THE A.M. AND P.M. KINDERGARTEN CLASSES HAD TO BROKER A TRUCE BUT IT FELL APART DUE TO POLITICAL INFIGHTING.
SON, HIL COMES FROM A... UNIQUE FAMILY.

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THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's edition

Parade
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'The older I am, the more comfortable I get in my skin'
Mandy Moore
Plus: This Is Us & Alzheimer's, p. 7

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING AUG. 20

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Holey Moley "Where the Herd At?"		To Tell the Truth CC (DVS)		The Democratic National Convention	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		Young Sheldon	:31 The Unicorn	2020-Democratic Convention	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Hecthan and Hector" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		2020 Democratic Convention (N) (L)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Three businesses in Ellicott City, Md.				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	PBS NewsHour Convention Coverage "Democratic National Convention" Coverage of the Democratic Convention. (N) (L) CC					
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded "Bigfoot" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. A cafe is bombed. CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Traffic"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded "Bigfoot" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Mallory seeks Jack's advice.		Highway to Heaven "Birds of a Feather"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	MLS Soccer Chicago Fire at Columbus Crew SC. (N) (L) CC				Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Young Guns" CC		The First 48 (N) CC		:01 Court Cam (N)	:32 Court Cam
AMC	:00 ★★★ The Dark Knight Rises ('12, Action) Christian Bale, Anne Hathaway, Tom Hardy. Batman faces a masked villain named Bane. CC						
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	6:00 ★★★ Set It Off ('96)			★★ Lottery Ticket ('10) Bow Wow.			
Big Ten	B1G	Wisconsin		Penn State		B1G	Purdue
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC	
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Crimson Peak ('15)	★★ The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. CC				★ Killerman ('19) Liam Hemsworth.	
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Grease ('78, Musical) John Travolta. CC					Runaway
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Convention		2020: Democratic National Convention			
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rescue	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		100 Days Wild (N) CC		Homestead Rescue "Fire & Gold" CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched
ESPN	NBA Basketball		NBA	NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA.			
ESPN2	Studio	To Be Announced					
ESPNC	Baseball	Tennis				Tennis	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible (N)			Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		Fox News	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Strongman		Glory Kickboxing			
Freefrm	:00 ★★ Sister Act ('92) Whoopi Goldberg. CC			★★ Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ('93) Whoopi Goldberg, Kathy Najimy. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17) Vin Diesel. A mysterious woman forces Dom to betray the crew.					★★ The Fate of the Furious ('17)	
Golf	PGA Champions				PGA Golf		
Hallmark	Summer in City	★ Pearl in Paradise ('18, Romance) Jill Wagner, Kristoffer Polaha. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	REAL Sports	★★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows ('11) Robert Downey Jr. CC				:10 Lovecraft Country "Sundown"	
History	Alone	Alone "Over the Edge" ((F)) (N) CC (DVS)					
HGTV	Christina	Christina/Coast		Christina/Coast		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	Decision	Democratic National		Democratic National Convention			
MTV	Ridic.	Double Shot at Love		Revenge	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Short List	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. CC					
NFL	:00 NFL Total Access (N) CC			NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	TBA	★★ Rio 2 ('14) Jesse Eisenberg CC				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life	Life and Death Row		Life and Death Row		Life and Death Row	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples ((F)) (N) CC		Killer Couples CC		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★★ Rocky ('76) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. CC					
Showtime	6:25 Hustlers	:15 Shameless Fiona y su doble cita.		On Becoming a God in Central Florida		We Hunt Together CC	
Starz	:08 ★★★ A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood ('19)			★★ Sparkle ('12, Drama) Jordin Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. CC			
STZENC	:11 ★★ Young Guns ('88, Western) Emilio Estevez. CC			★★ Young Guns II ('90, Western) Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★★★ The Bourne Identity		★★★ The Bourne Supremacy ('04, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. CC				Resident Evil
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort "Reiki Gone Wrong" (N)	
TCM	Libeled Lady ('36)	★★★ The Senator Was Indiscreet ('47) William Powell.			:45 ★★★ Life With Father ('47) William Powell. CC		
TMC	:00 ★★★★ The Terminator ('84) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			★★★★ Terminator 2: Judgment Day ('91) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC			
TNT	:00 ★★★ Wonder Woman ('17) Gal Gadot.					Wonder Woman ('17)	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Chrisley Knows	Cannonball "Tiny Weenie Mankini" (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Friday	★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC				★ Friday After Next	
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Long-ago divorce remains source of constant criticism

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need to learn how to cope with caring for my mother, who is living with me. We get along most days, however she is very much a "Negative Nancy" on all topics, especially my life.

I have been divorced for more than 10 years, but she digs about my ex and his new wife as often as possible. I have asked her repeatedly to stop, but she flat-out refuses because "he left me in financial ruin."

Yes, my ex is more financially stable today than when we were married, but I am neither desolate nor destitute. She makes me feel like no matter what I do for her it's not enough, and before you suggest it, our only option is to live together. Please help salvage my emotional state. – Challenged In Texas

DEAR CHALLENGED: For the sake of your sanity, you will have to learn to change the way you react to Mommy Dearest, who can't let go of her grudge or resist stirring the pot. Do you think she does it because she enjoys needling you? Is she bored and has nothing better to talk about?

When she makes negative comments about your ex, don't take the bait. Ignore her, leave the room or counter by saying something positive about him. (I hope you can come up with some good material.) And when she complains that you don't do enough for her, start doing less, which may make you feel less taken for granted.

Understand that you may never please her, and when the quarantine ends, encourage her to spend time at a senior center, volunteering "to help others less fortunate," or some other activity that will get her out of your house. You should also spend less time with her when you need to.

DEAR ABBY: My late husband and I had a dysfunctional marriage. He died in a car accident in 1995 at the age of 49. I was 44 then.

I did my best to shield my then-teenage daughter, "Wendy," from his opiate addiction, suicide attempts, physical abuse and the constant flux of income because we were on and off welfare. On the flip side of his character, he was funny, super smart, helped anyone who needed help and was loved by everyone.

Little did I know, my husband had been confiding all of my perceived faults with Wendy over the years. Twenty-five years have passed, and she still has residual anger toward me for things I never did back then. It spills out when she judges me or accuses me about issues that happen between us today.

Her father was abusive and neglectful of her, too, but she doesn't remember it. In her eyes, I was the bad guy in the marriage and he was the good guy and her hero forever.

I don't know how to heal the ugliness between us. I don't think it's productive at this point to tell her how bad her father treated me back then. I continue to love her unconditionally, but it still doesn't overcome her underlying pain and anger. Was I wrong for hiding everything from her? It's not fair being thought of unjustly. What else can I do? – Failing In Florida

DEAR FAILING: By protecting your daughter from the truth all these years, you have contributed to the situation you find yourself in. Tell your daughter it's important the two of you get some issues out in the open, and if she agrees, make an appointment for you both with a licensed mental health professional who can facilitate and mediate the long-overdue discussion.

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My boyfriend's always off helping a friend in need, at the expense of our alone time

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: When I started dating "Tim," my friends were very excited. I don't usually date, especially long-term. Tim is a great guy, really nice, very funny and endlessly sweet. Almost too sweet. He constantly overextends himself, drives hours out of his way after work to help a friend of a friend and, because of this, has a hard time keeping plans. He is very well-intentioned, and I trust him. I have no doubts about our relationship. None of this bothers me. It honestly inspires me to become a better person and help others like Tim does.

However, my friends think I'm being strung along, mistreated, overlooked and ignored. Some have met Tim and are charmed by his charisma, personality and sense of humor. Others are bristly when I even bring up his name. It bothers me that my friends can't just be happy for me. I've always been wildly independent, without a need for a man constantly around, and it truly does not bother me that Tim is busy lending a hand, even if it's at the expense of our alone time.

I guess I'm asking, where is the line between helping someone else and mistreating your girlfriend? Am I tiptoeing on it? Is Tim neglecting me, or are my friends projecting? – Girlfriend

GIRLFRIEND: Are you ever on the receiving end of Tim's big free-wheeling acts of generosity? Or are you the dependable uncomplaining source of stability as he freewheels so freely?

Regardless, are you thrilled to be the part of Tim's life he possibly takes for granted as he seeks ... whatever it is he seeks?

Don't ask me how I know to ask this.

RE: TIM: "Dependable uncomplaining source of stability" sounds like a role I'd be crazy comfortable in. But then I do have the emotional needs of a cactus and my one deal-breaker is, "must be able to leave me alone for long periods of time." I could seriously see myself with some lab scientist who constantly loses track of time so I could just leave a bagged lunch outside their door. – Cactus

CACTUS: I <3 this answer so much it feels like cheating.

Is that a heart symbol, by the way, or a double ice cream cone?

RE: TIM: I was married to "Tim." My Tim needed to feel needed. Needed to be "the hero," the guy everyone (but I) could count on. Needed for everyone (but me) to see him as "such a great guy." I am also highly independent and didn't need Tim – wanted him, yes, but needed, no. When my Tim said to me, in front of our marriage counselor, "I married you, what else do you want," I knew we were done. My Tim had some very narcissistic traits. Really examine your Tim's motives. – Tim's Ex

RE: TIM: Can you count on Tim to be there, present, for The Big Stuff? When my mother got Alzheimer's, one of the first things my husband said was, "You know I've got your back and so have my family." *This* made me cry. It's one thing for Tim to call saying he's not coming 'round that night, helping a friend instead. It's another thing if he doesn't put you first when the big stuff hits. – First

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ACROSS
1 White heron
6 Give, as a price
11 Protozoan
12 Ottoman ruler
13 Bait
14 Colored
15 Fluff feathers
16 Vineyard valley
17 Cousteau's middle name
19 Database command
23 Business deg.
26 Appreciative murmurs
28 Plunging neckline
29 Wildlife protector
31 Looks for
33 Originate
34 Search out
35 Rickey ingredient
36 Maui neighbor
39 Animal shelter
40 Heroic tale
42 Prefix for second
44 Like some horses
46 What a bank does
51 Went yachting
54 Skillful
55 Hold closely
56 Takes the first step
57 Motor parts
58 Be stertorous

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1 Sheik colleague
2 Not home
3 Magritte's name
4 Deep black
5 Prize marble
6 Wisecrack
7 Humerus neighbors
8 Giants hero of yore
9 — kwon do
10 Call it quits
11 Sound booster
12 Squirrel away
16 Opposite of "paleo-"
18 Max — Sydow
20 Plain to see
21 Type in again
22 Try out
23 "West Side Story" girl
24 Lug along
25 Yellow Pages
27 Compass dir.
29 Moves side to side
30 Want ad abbr.
32 Um's cousins
34 Pleasure
37 Battery's "+" post
38 Owned
41 Rayed flower
43 Of yore
45 Word on a towel
47 Hence
48 Roulette color
49 Enjoy a repast
50 Urban rds.
51 Suitcase
52 Sonnet kin
53 Detective's cry
54 Tummy muscles

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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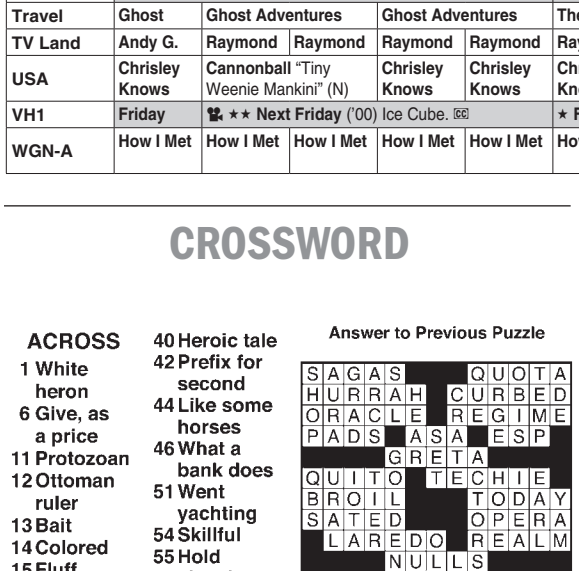

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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HITSO

STEABK

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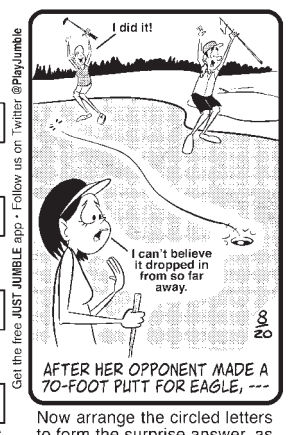

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRANK WORLD INVOKE SALMON
Answer: For the campers making stir fry at Yellowstone, it was a — "WOK" IN THE PARK

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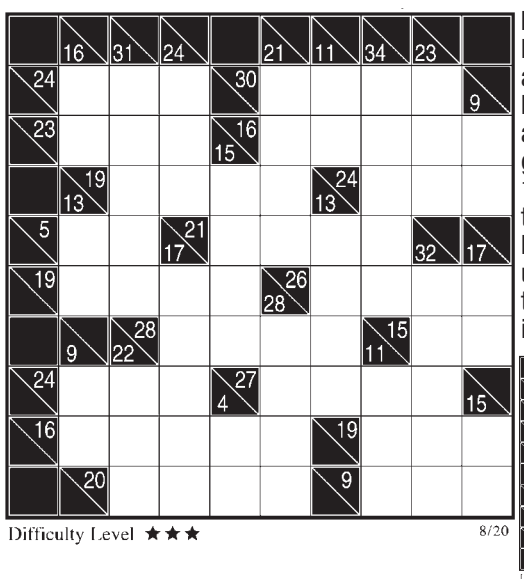
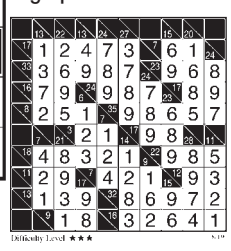
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

For today's deal, put on your defender's cap, then cover the East and South cards.

In the auction, West made a weak jump overcall of three clubs over South's one-heart opening. It wasn't an ideal bid: The suit was fine, but the hand was playable in three suits, not just the one East would assume. However, experience has shown that it pays to make life tough for the opponents.

North had one of the worst 10-point hands you will ever see, but he had to bid something over three clubs, and he did have four-card heart support.

Against four hearts, West leads the club king: four, six, ace. Declarer draws four rounds of trumps ending in hand, East following throughout, then leads the club three toward dummy's jack. West rises with the queen, and partner follows with the two. What should West do now?

It seems to be a guess between spades and diamonds. Probably, because he has one fewer spade, he will switch to that suit. But today it isn't the winning play. Declarer takes the trick with dummy's queen and discards a diamond loser on the club jack.

How could West have known? Only if East puts his "useless" trumps to work. If he wants a spade switch, he plays his trumps in descending order: seven, five, four, two. Here, though, he wants a diamond switch, so he follows in ascending order: two, four, five, seven. With no preference, he plays his cards in some random sequence.

Experts make a lot of suit-preference signals with low trumps. They work well – if you play with a partner who watches your cards.

North 08-20-20
♠ Q 5 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ Q 5 4
♣ J 5 4

West
♠ 9 8 2
♥ —
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ K Q 10 9 8 7

East
♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ A K J
♣ 6 2

South
♠ A K J
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ 10 7 6
♣ A 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♥	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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	8		4	7	9	2	1	
5		2		1				
8	6		3		5			
			9		1		4	3
				8		9		2
	5	4	2	9	6		8	
	9						6	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	8	7	3	2	1	4	5	9
1	2	5	4	7	9	3	6	8
4	3	9	8	6	5	2	7	1
9	7	3	5	1	4	6	8	2
2	5	6	9	8	7	1	4	3
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7	6	8	2	5	3	9	1	4
3	1	4	7	9	8	5	2	6
5	9	2	1	4	6	8	3	7

hp SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Kasewurm records ace at Pebblewood

David Kasewurm of Stevensville shot a hole-in-one Monday at Pebblewood Country Club.

He used an 8-iron to ace the 129-yard hole No. 10. The shot was witnessed by Gyl Kasewurm and Pat Duensing.

Williams has ace at Pebblewood

Darl Williams of St. Joseph recorded a hole-in-one July 29 at Pebblewood Country Club.

He used a wedge to ace the 87-yard hole No. 7. The shot was witnessed by Dick Malenfant, Jack Sukup and Carl Goff.

Fit 4 Fall 5K to be virtual

The LECO Fit 4 Fall 5K will be a virtual run this fall.

The virtual event will start at 9 a.m. Oct. 10 and run through Oct. 24 at 11:59 p.m. Registration is available online at www.fit4fall5k.com.

Lory's Place run virtual event set

The 16th annual Run, Walk and Ride for Lory's Place will take place virtually starting Sept. 26 and remain open for two weeks.

Register online at www.lorysplace.org/rwr or call 983-2707.

MHSAA to announce more fall sports timelines today

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will announce today the timelines for the start of boys soccer, volleyball and girls swimming seasons.

Last week, the association postponed the fall football season to spring.

Michigan junior OT Mayfield leaves to enter NFL draft

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan offensive tackle Jalen Mayfield is entering the NFL draft.

The junior announced his plans Tuesday night on Twitter.

"These last few weeks have been filled with stress and have put me in a place where I have a difficult decision to make," Mayfield wrote in his post.

Mayfield chose to leave the Wolverines one week after the Big Ten postponed its fall football season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The 6-foot-5, 320-pound Mayfield was an honorable mention All-Big Ten player last season after starting 13 games at right tackle. He played in three games at left tackle in 2018 as a freshman.

The NFL plans to hold its draft outdoors in Cleveland next year from April 29 to May 1.

Big Ten's Warren elaborates on virus concerns with football

By ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

Facing backlash from fans, players' parents and others, Big Ten commissioner Kevin Warren sought to elaborate on the decisionlast week to postpone football season until spring.

The first-year commissioner has been criticized for a lack of transparency in how the decision to call off football this fall was made.

"We thoroughly understand and deeply value what sports mean to our student-athletes, their families, our coaches and our fans," Warren wrote Wednesday in what was called an "Open Letter to the Big Ten Community."

"The vote by the Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors (COP/C) was overwhelmingly in support of postponing fall sports and will not be revisited. The decision was thorough and deliberative, and based on sound feedback, guidance and advice from medical experts."

The Big Ten and Pac-12 announced Aug. 11 there would be no football in their conferences.

That was four days after the Big Ten released a revised 10-game schedule for each team.

The Pac-12 rolled out its decision with comment from its medical experts. Warren did not make the Big Ten medical advisers available and spoke in generalities about the reasons.

Players and coaches expressed disappointment in how the announcement was made, and the parents of players from several schools wrote letters to Warren demanding further explanation in t he wake of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12 and Southeastern Conference proceeding with plans to play this fall.

In his letter Wednesday, Warren listed primary factors that led to the decision:

■ Transmission rates continue to rise at an alarming rate with little indication from medical experts that campuses, communities and the country could gain control of the spread of the virus prior to the start of competition.

"As our teams were ramping up for more intense practices, many of our medical staffs did not think the interventions we had planned would be adequate to decrease the potential spread even with very regular testing," he wrote. "As the general student body comes back to campus, spread to student-athletes could reintroduce infection into our athletics community."

■ There is too much unknown about the virus, recovery from infection, and longer-term effects. In particular, Warren mentioned the risk of cardiomyopathy, a condition that makes it difficult for the heart to pump blood and can lead to heart failure. "The uncertain risk was unacceptable at this time," he wrote.

■ Concerns about contact tracing, including the inability to social distance in contact sports pursuant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. He wrote that risk mitigation processes such as physical distancing, face coverings and proper hygiene could not be fully implemented in contact sports.

"We understand the disappointment and questions surrounding the timing of our decision to postpone fall sports, especially in light of releasing a football schedule only six days prior to that decision," Warren wrote. "From the beginning, we consistently communicated our commitment to cautiously proceed one day at a time with the health, safety and wellness of our student-athletes at the center of our decision-making process.

"That is why we took simultaneous paths in releasing the football schedule, while also diligently monitoring the spread of the virus, testing, and medical concerns as student-athletes were transitioning to full-contact practice."

Warren said the start of full-contact practices and games would make contact tracing more difficult and that there could be frequent and significant disruptions to the season.

"Accurate and widely available rapid testing may help mitigate those concerns, but access to accurate tests is currently limited," he wrote.

Warren noted that the decision to postpone the season would have negative financial implications on the schools.

"We understand the passion of the many student-athletes and their families who were disappointed by the decision," Warren wrote, "but also know there are many who have a great deal of concern and anxiety regarding the pandemic."

Bote's 2-run single pushes Cubs to doubleheader split with Cards

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — David Bote hit a tie-breaking two-run single in the seventh and final inning, Adbert Alzolay pitched five solid innings in his first start of the season, and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 on Wednesday night to split a doubleheader.

St. Louis' Brad Miller hit a tying RBI single in the bottom of the sixth against Jeremy Jeffress (2-1). But the Cubs quickly answered.

Playing as the visitor in the nightcap because the game was a makeup from a postponed series in St. Louis from earlier this month, the Cubs loaded the bases against Andrew Miller (0-1) on singles by Kyle Schwarber, Willson Contreras and Nico Hoerner with one out. Bote, whose pinch-hit, hit three-run homer won the second game of Monday's doubleheader, then lined a single to center against Giovanny Gallegos, making it 4-2 and propelling the Cubs to their third win in four games.

Craig Kimbrel, who lost the closer's job after a shaky start to the season, worked the seventh for his first save. He struck out Kolten Wong after hitting Tommy Edman with two out to close out an unusual five-game, three-day series.

In the opener, Matt Carpenter belted a first-inning grand slam and the Cardinals beat the Cubs 9-3. St. Louis held Chicago to two hits in the seven-inning game even though shaky starter Jack Flaherty only recorded five outs.

Alzolay gave the Cubs what they were looking for in his third major league start, holding the reigning division champions to an unearned run and two hits. The 25-year-old right-hander struck out six and walked one after being called up from Chicago's alternate site in South Bend, Indiana.

David Banks / AP

Chicago's David Bote follows through on a two-run single against the St. Louis Cardinals during the seventh inning of Game 2 Wednesday's doubleheader.

Johan Oviedo went five innings for St. Louis in his major league debut, giving up two runs and two hits.

Flaherty gave up a leadoff homer to Ian Happ in the first game, his first start since a season-opening win over Pittsburgh.

The right-hander struggled to locate his fastball and issued what he described as "pretty out-of-character walks." But he got plenty of help.

Carpenter drove a rope to center in the first against Alec Mills (2-2) for his second career grand slam. Tommy Edman had three hits and Kolten Wong scored four runs.

Flaherty threw 41 pitches, walked two and exited with the bases loaded after hitting Nico Hoerner with an 0-2 pitch. Austin Gomber struck out Happ to end that threat and escaped another bases-loaded jam in the third when Jason Kipnis grounded out.

Tyler Webb (1-1) got four outs for the Game 1 win. Baseball's seven-inning doubleheader format, implemented this season to help teams push through a frequently disrupted 60-game schedule, allowed St. Louis to use four relievers for 1 1/3 innings apiece after Flaherty's exit.

John Gant and Ricardo Sánchez finished the game for the Cardinals, with Sánchez allowing the Cubs' only other hit – Josh Phegley's two-run homer in the seventh.

Mills lasted lasted 3 2/3 innings, allowing six runs and seven hits.

"Just one of those days where I didn't have the feel for much out there," Mills said. "I wasn't able to throw many pitches for strikes today. Fastball command wasn't as good as it has been."

Crawford's future in doubt, Blackhawks confront uncertainty

By STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Hockey Writer

It's not lost on Jonathan Toews that if the NHL regular season had finished as scheduled, the Chicago Blackhawks wouldn't have made the playoffs.

When they got that chance in an expanded 24-team field, the three-time Stanley Cup-winning captain shelved worries about the future of the franchise, and whether goaltender Corey Crawford might even return after concussion concerns and a bout with vertigo.

"Haven't really had the chance to have those conversations with him," Toews said Tuesday night after Chicago's season ended in a five-game first-round series loss to Vegas. "Yeah, I don't know. The goaltending situation hasn't been on my mind much."

It better be on general manager Stan Bowman's mind as the organization goes into an offseason of uncertainty with Crawford's contract up, rookie 30-goal scorer Dominik Kubalik unsigned and the championship core another year older and locked up at big prices for seasons to come. Special circumstances allowed the Blackhawks to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2017, but the front office must now set a real direction for the future.

Asked about winning the Cup a fourth time before his career is over, star winger Patrick Kane said: "I don't know. It's not really something I've thought about or given any thought to." He and Toews will be 32 when next season is scheduled to begin, Crawford 35 and defenseman Duncan Keith 37.

"I'm not sure what the team will look like come next year," Kane said.

The winds of change have been swirling for Chicago for a few years now. The Blackhawks have several young forwards, from rookies Kubalik and Kirby Dach to Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome and promising 20-year-old defenseman Adam Boqvist.

If nothing else, beating Edmonton in the qualifying around and getting outclassed by Vegas should be valuable experience for those players and others as a taste of NHL playoff hockey.

"It's a huge way to get experience for those guys," Kane said. "The young guys that are around and got a chance to play in this postseason hopefully take this as a valuable learning lesson and we can get better as a group from it."

Coach Jeremy Colliton, who's younger than Keith and about 100 days older than injured defenseman Brent Seabrook, wasn't ready to think about the future immediately after being eliminated.

But assuming he returns, he will be tasked with figuring out how to build Chicago back up to being a perennial contender.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS GOLF

GULL LAKE INV.

at Bedford Valley

Team scores – 1. St. Joseph 355, 2. Okemos 378, 3. Gull Lake 395, 4. Portage Northern 417, 5. Allegan 419, 6. Coldwater 432, 7. Portage Central 446, 8. Three Rivers 449.

St. Joseph – Maya Hunter 75 (co-medalist), Madison Jackson 90, Gracie Thomas 95, Maddy Cleveland 96, Morgan Guzzo 100, Izzy Ugalde 102.

BOWLING

INDIAN LAKE HILLS

MISSING LINKS (NORTH) – Low gross: L. Kotarba 38, T. Landis 40. Low net: S. Macdonald 29, K. Schacknies 29, B. Cheek 31.

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	8	.667	—
Tampa Bay	16	9	.640	½
Baltimore	12	12	.500	4
Toronto	10	11	.476	4½
Boston	7	18	.280	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	8	.667	—
Cleveland	15	9	.625	1
Chicago	13	11	.542	3
Detroit	9	12	.429	5½
Kansas City	10	16	.385	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	16	8	.667	—
Houston	13	10	.565	2½
Texas	10	12	.455	5
Los Angeles	8	16	.333	8
Seattle	7	18	.280	9½

Tuesday's Games

Houston 2, Colorado 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 2
San Diego 6, Texas 4
Arizona 10, Oakland 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, Seattle 1
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 10, Detroit 4
Toronto 8, Baltimore 7, 10 innings
Philadelphia 13, Boston 6
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 3, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 0, 7 innings, 1st game
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Detroit at Chicago White Sox
Milwaukee at Minnesota
Houston at Colorado
Texas at San Diego
Arizona at Oakland
L.A. Dodgers at Seattle
L.A. Angels at San Francisco

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Howard 0-1) at Toronto (Anderson 0-0), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Paxton 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Turnbull 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 1-2), 2:10 p.m.
Houston (Javier 2-1) at Colorado (Márquez 2-3), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 2-1) at Toronto (Thornton 0-0), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Bieber 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Williams 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-1) at Seattle (Kikuchi 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-1) at Minnesota (Berríos 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Eovaldi 1-2) at Baltimore (Wojciechowski 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Gibson 1-2) at San Diego (Lamet 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Young 1-0) at Oakland (Manaea 0-2), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 1-1) at San Francisco (Gausman 0-1), 9:45 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	11	.560	—
Miami	9	8	.529	1
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	2
New York	11	14	.440	3
Washington	9	12	.429	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	8	.667	—
Milwaukee	10	11	.476	4½
St. Louis	6	7	.462	4½
Cincinnati	9	12	.429	5½
Pittsburgh	4	16	.200	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	7	.720	—
Colorado	13	10	.565	4
Arizona	13	11	.542	4½
San Diego	13	12	.520	5
San Francisco	9	16	.360	9

Tuesday's Games

Houston 2, Colorado 1, 11 innings
San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 2
San Diego 6, Texas 4
Arizona 10, Oakland 1
L.A. Dodgers 2, Seattle 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Miami 3
Washington 8, Atlanta 5
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Philadelphia 13, Boston 6
Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 3
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 3, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 9, Chicago Cubs 3, 7 innings, 1st game
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 0, 7 innings, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 2, 7 innings, 2nd game
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets at Miami
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 2nd game
Milwaukee at Minnesota
Houston at Colorado
Texas at San Diego
Arizona at Oakland
L.A. Dodgers at Seattle
L.A. Angels at San Francisco

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Howard 0-1) at Toronto (Anderson 0-0), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
Houston (Javier 2-1) at Colorado (Márquez 2-3), 3:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 2-1) at Toronto (Thornton 0-0), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game
N.Y. Mets (Matz 0-4) at Miami (Castano 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Williams 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-1) at Seattle (Kikuchi 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-1) at Minnesota (Berríos 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Gibson 1-2) at San Diego (Lamet 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Gray 4-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
Arizona (Young 1-0) at Oakland (Manaea 0-2), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 1-1) at San Francisco (Gausman 0-1), 9:45 p.m.

NBA

All games in Orlando, Fla.

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday, August 18

Orlando 122, Milwaukee 110
Miami 113, Indiana 101
Houston 123, Oklahoma City 108
Portland 100, L.A. Lakers 93

Wednesday, August 19

Toronto 104, Brooklyn 99
Utah 124, Denver 105
Boston 128, Philadelphia 101
L.A. Clippers vs. Dallas

Thursday, August 20

Miami vs. Indiana, 1 p.m.
Oklahoma City vs. Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Orlando, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers vs. Portland, 9 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
September 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Township of Keeler
Van Buren County, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the township supervisor has prepared and filed in the office of the township clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within the **ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, and BIG AND LITTLE CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4** The rolls have been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs as shown on the plans and estimate of costs on file with the township clerk.

The roll for **KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4** is in the total amount of $25,366.56 with a proposed special assessment of up to $282.85 per 1 unit lake front parcel, $424.27 per 1.5 units multiple lake front parcels, $141.42 per .5 units vacant lake front parcel, $67.46 per 1 unit back lot parcel, $101.19 per 1.5 units multiple back lot parcels and $33.73 per .5 units vacant back lot parcel, is in the total amount of $25,366.56. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

The roll for **ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** is in the total amount OF $27,603.96 with a proposed special assessment of up to District No. 1, $178.09 per parcel and District No. 2, $35.62 per parcel. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

The roll for **CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL DISTRICT** is in the total amount of $12,941.68 with a proposed special assessment of up to District No. BCW, $47.58 per parcel, District BC No. 2, $13.59 per parcel, District BC No. 3 $7.93 per parcel, District No, BC No. 4, $11.89 per parcel and District LC No. 1 $47.58 per parcel. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Road W, Hartford, MI 49057 on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended. The roll may be examined by contacting the Township Clerk at 269-621-6481 or via email at keeler@cybersol.com during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing.
**Please take notice that the Keeler Township Office is open only limited hours during COVID-19 health crisis and under executive orders of the Michigan Governor. You may be asked to make an appointment to examine the roll or have it emailed to you for inspection. Additionally, the Township Board anticipates that the hearing will be held in-person at the township hall; however further orders from the Michigan Governor may require a video-conference or teleconference. Please check the township's website at www.keelertownship.org for additional information.*

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest special assessments, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in writing at or before the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments with interest; and may provide by resolution for such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to special assessments for: **KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL DISTRICT.**

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LEGALS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
of Long Family Trust and/or
Estate of Rosine Long

Re: Estate of Rosine Long (Birth: 03/18/33: and Death: 06/18/20); and Long Family Trust

NOTICE to CREDITORS:
The Long Family Trust is now under administration due to the passing of Rosine Long. Any respective creditors are notified that all claims against Long Family Trust or Rosine Long will be forever barred unless presented via Trackable Mail to: CHERYL HOSEY, Trustee, 1722 Carlisle Circle, Leeds, Alabama 35094, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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LEGALS

FORFEITURE NOTICE: To Hollis Morgan. On June 23, 2020, a Center Point crossbow with two arrows, ZTE smartphone, .22 cal Ruger pellet gun, Barnett Crossbow and $2,010.00 in US Currency was seized under the Michigan Controlled Substance Act. The police intend to forfeit these items. If you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file a signed, written claim with the Southwest Enforcement Team at PO Box 2600, Battle Creek, MI 49016 by September 6, 2020.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2020-0481-DE-R

Estate of: June E. Trapp
Date of Birth: 08/29/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, June E. Trapp, died 05/10/2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tonya Marie Lovett, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 08/14/2020

Attorney:
Elizabeth L. McCree/ P76926
PO Box 684
Benton Harbor, MI 49023
269-873-0208

Personal Representative:
Tonya Marie Lovett
1334 Broadway
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
269-369-3890

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
Berrien County, Michigan

A PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday, August 24, 2020 at a regular meeting of the St. Joseph City Commission to be held by electronic conferencing via ZOOM due to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic declared by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-165 and related restrictions including Executive Order 2020-160, for the purpose of considering a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. The MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application relates to the improvements of Whirlpool Centennial Park, to include shade structures, foot wash stations and dune ecology paths.

The meeting will be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976 and Executive Order 2020-129. Instructions for participating via ZOOM are located at https://sjcity.com.

This notice is published by:

The City of St. Joseph
City Clerk
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St. Joseph, MI 49085
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
2020 TISCORNIA PARK PARKING LOT REPAIR PROJECT

Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 by the City of St. Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud in the City Commission Chambers for the 2020 Tiscornia Park Parking Lot Repair Project. If City Hall remains closed to the public at that time due to COVID-19 restrictions, bid opening may be attended remotely by means of electronic communications using ZOOM. Instructions for attending by ZOOM will be posted on the City's webpage at sjcity.com. This RFP is to secure a contractor to perform selected repairs and seal and stripe the parking lot at Tiscornia Park as specified in the "Request for Proposals". All proposals shall be submitted in duplicate and in accordance with the bid form included in the bid documents, which may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office.
Proposals due by Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Submit bids in a sealed envelope labeled "Tiscornia Park Parking Lot Repair Project" and deliver to the City Clerk's Office, St. Joseph City Hall, and 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.
The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding and/or to accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Denise Westfall
St. Joseph Deputy City Clerk

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Set priorities to ensure you use your time wisely this year. You have plenty to gain if you are persistent and open to new concepts. Freshen up your appearance to reflect what's trending and help you market yourself for projects you want to pursue. Aim to please.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get the lowdown before you make a move. It's essential to have a solid plan in place before you take on additional tasks. Listen to suggestions, and you'll find a way to keep everyone interested.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Push forward with poise. Stand tall, be bold and let your thoughts be known. It's time to step up and be innovative. Your ideas are sound, and will be met with support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do your best to help. Offer your support, advice and experience to organizations, peers and your community. Refuse to let anything stand between you and doing what's right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take pride in what you do, and don't stop until you finish what you start. Your input, imagination and desire to do what's right will encourage you to make changes that will improve your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be careful what you say. Someone will be quick to twist your words around or offer misleading information. Stick close to home, and channel your energy into making domestic and personal improvements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be right on the mark when it comes to financial, legal or medical issues. A decision you make with a loved one will lead to a healthier, happier home environment. Embrace change, and make love a priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Slow down, go over recent events and rethink your strategy before moving forward. Anger will not help settle a problem, but a reasonable outlook will.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Emotions will surface and, if channeled correctly, can be used to your advantage. Show how passionate you are about your beliefs, concerns and prospects. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a deep breath and stay focused on what must accomplish. Keep close tabs on your health and emotional well-being. Maintain balance and composure when dealing with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change will encourage you to do things differently. Look over your options and do your best to reduce stress and anxiety. You have everything to gain if you are straightforward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't leave anything to chance. Someone will misinterpret what you say or use emotional manipulation to get his or her way. Be blunt and get things done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend more time with a loved one. Work through differences, and figure out a way to make your life better. An opportunity will put you in an excellent position to make a good move.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Manager. This position is responsible to the City Council for the proper management and administration of all affairs of the City. The City Manager is expected to ensure the efficient operation of quality municipal services and to implement plans and programs in line with policy directions from the City Council. Bachelor's in Public Administration or related field is required. Master's degree in Public Administration or related field is preferred. Previous experience as a City Manager, Assistant City Manager or related leadership position in a municipality required. Previous experience in economic development, community relations, tourism, and/or planning/zoning preferred. Must be an effective communicator and problem-solver and be able to work with diverse groups. To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov /human_resources. Deadline to apply is August 28, 2020.

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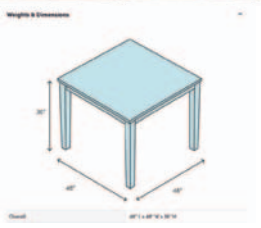

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What's really going on with Trump and the post office?

Byron York

The news is filled with reports of President Trump's "assault" on the U.S. Postal Service. Democrats and some in the media say the president is deliberately slowing mail delivery and crippling the Postal Service so that it cannot handle an anticipated flood of voting by mail in the presidential election. Barack Obama said Trump is trying to "actively kneecap" the Postal Service to suppress the vote. Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called the House back into session "to address the sabotage of the Postal Service." What is going on?

A look at the facts simply does not support the Democrats' allegations.

First, the Postal Service can handle voting by mail. According to its annual report, it delivered 142.5 billion pieces of mail in fiscal 2019. That's 471 million per day, to nearly 160 million delivery points. This year, it delivered census forms and stimulus checks, which was about 450 million pieces of mail. A national presidential election would involve less than half of that. That's simply not a problem.

Second, the Postal Service is going broke but doesn't need more money for the election. It has lost money for a long time. The coronavirus relief bill gave it $10 billion in borrowing authority. Now House Democrats want $25 billion. But their new bill makes no mention of giving the Postal Service money to handle the election. Rather, it's an old-fashioned bailout. And the Postal Service has about $14 billion in cash right now, and is not projected to hit insolvency until late next year.

The new Postmaster General is trying to reform the Postal Service. Former shipping executive Louis DeJoy – yes, he's a Trump donor – is pushing a pilot program to reduce overtime and streamline deliveries. It basically involves letter carriers making deliveries at the start of their day rather than the end so as to incur less overtime. That's all it is. Yet Democrats and some in the media have characterized it as an effort to sabotage the Postal Service. It's not.

Nor are routine Postal Service moves to relocate collection boxes and retire some sorting machines. That is entirely in line with Postal Service efforts to deal with a declining volume of mail since the advent of email two decades ago. Nevertheless, DeJoy, in an effort to soothe worried minds, has said he will suspend reform efforts until after the election.

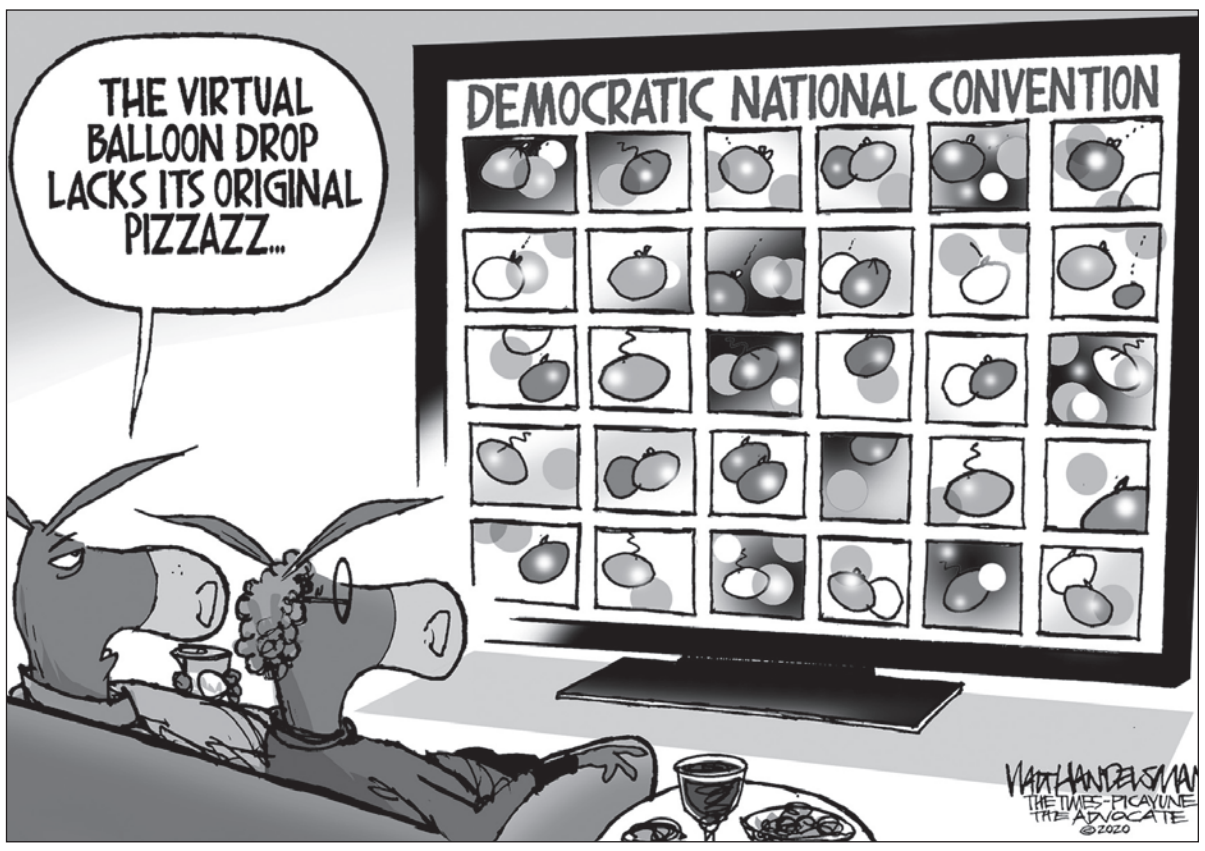
But what about the nightmare scenarios we've seen in the press? News accounts have been filled with stories of Americans who depend on the Postal Service for the delivery of medicine and checks. Many such stories are serious but anecdotal; there's no way to know at the moment how widespread they are. And people who keep track of the Postal Service suspect many stories are rooted in workforce availability problems related to the coronavirus pandemic, plus the changes in operations – for example, closing a facility to clean it during an outbreak – that have become part of life during the pandemic. Think about it: Of course the pandemic is affecting the Postal Service, just like it is affecting everything else.

Then there are President Trump's statements. Much discussion of the mail issue has conflated the request for $25 billion for the Postal Service with a request for $3.6 billion to the Election Assistance Commission for states to implement mail-in voting. The president has repeatedly added confusion to the situation. In discussing the Postal Service, he hasn't made a case against universal mail-in voting, which does not exist in the United States. He hasn't made clear why Democrats want $25 billion for the Post Office. He suggested that not agreeing to the $25 billion was a way to stop universal mail-in voting, which it is not. He hasn't addressed the serious problems at the Postal Service, which need attention and do not have anything to do with voting. In all, he has left the issue more confused than it was beforehand – and that was saying something.

But now, Democrats smell victory. The Washington Post recently published a story headlined "Trump's assault on the U.S. Postal Service gives Democrats a new campaign message." Put aside the casual use of the word "assault." The fact is, Speaker Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer and other top Democrats are jumping into the Postal Service controversy with both feet. As with the Russia collusion allegations, they're enjoying a loud, uncritical megaphone in the press. No doubt they'll keep it up until Nov. 3. But shouldn't someone, sometime take a look at what is actually happening?

Byron York is a columnist for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS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Everyone loses if Trump wins

Editor,

Engraved on the facade of the United States Post Office in New York are these words: "Neither rain nor snow nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster general, and look what we have now: a completely unqualified Trump lackey bent on undermining the upcoming election to Trump's advantage.

On his inauguration, Donald Trump repeated after the chief justice of the Supreme Court: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Within minutes, he began his unrelenting jihad to do everything possible to sabotage and dismantle the oath he had just taken. We are now in the thick of experiencing the consequences of this destruction, which he could not have accomplished alone.

When Trump boasted that he could step out onto 5th Avenue and shoot someone and not lose a single supporter, some of us rolled our eyes as if to say I'll bet he could. But we did it only half-facetiously. What if he had said he could kill a thousand Americans every day, destroy the economy, incite nationwide racial discord, annihilate civility, disrupt the world order and still have a very good chance of being re-elected to a second term? We are not rolling our eyes any more. It has become the terrifying and deadly reality of our daily lives. Again, he could not have done it alone – nor are he and his abettors solely responsible for all of the carnage. They have simply managed to make everything worse – much worse – both intentionally and through sheer ineptitude.

If a high percentage of voters turns out in November, and if their votes are counted accurately, Trump will lose. But if he succeeds in crippling the Postal Service, suppressing voting, sowing chaos, confusion, disinformation and fear – and we don't do enough to stop it – we will lose. And by "we," I mean Republicans, too. Maybe even especially Republicans. Once they wake up, if they ever do, and see that the lid on Pandora's box has fallen off, it will, of course, be too late.

Scott Elliott
Benton Harbor

Don't let USPS undermine voting

Editor,

Trump openly admits he wants to stop us, the voting citizens of this country, from using our constitutionally-created postal service to mail in absentee ballots for November's election. The president's hand-picked donor and flunky, Louis DeJoy, has already implemented measures that are deeply disruptive of normal postal services, including the timely deliveries of essential goods like medicine.

The stakes could not be higher, as Trump's plan could well disenfranchise millions of voters, many of whom do not wish to risk their health and lives by voting in person. The USPS has notified 46 states that time is running out for potential absentee voters in those states to receive, fill out and return their ballots.

I urge everyone to contact their elected representatives, especially Rep. Fred Upton, to express support for the USPS and to challenge the abhorrent decision to use the USPS as a pawn in the Trump administration's campaign to undermine the election by disparaging mail-in voting. If we the people do not act, or make known our concerns, we are essentially abdicating our duty to ourselves, each other, and to the country.

Nancy Braun
Coloma

Don't trust mail for absentee ballots

Editor,

Vote absentee for the Nov. 3 election, and don't use the mail! If you get a ballot in the mail, return it to your township or city clerk in person as soon as possible. You can find your clerk's contact info on www.michigan.gov/vote.

If you don't get a ballot in the mail by Sept. 30, call your clerk and request an appointment to vote absentee in their office. This is the only way to ensure your vote counts.

Cathy LaPointe
Cassopolis

Upton should defend postal service

Editor,

I would like to believe Rep. Fred Upton won't once again bury his head in the sand claiming partisan politics when it comes to what's happening to the United States Postal Service. The last two times he's responded to my inquiries, he said you wouldn't vote aye/nay because the vote was too partisan. Which is a cowardly way of saying he's not going to take a stand one way or the other. He's not researching the facts, but just playing follow-the-leader.

I see back in 2006 he voted aye for the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, which forced the USPS to put money aside for future retiree health benefits and retirement. The law had a 50-year schedule, and for the first 10 years, USPS was supposed to save $5 billion. However, since 2006, the USPS has seen rising net losses in revenue.

Now the administration has admitted to the sabotage of our postal service by blocking funding, firing knowledgable senior staff, removing sorting machines and local mailboxes, thus interfering withmail-in voting by suggesting to states' mail-in ballots may not be delivered on time because states deadlines are too "tight" for its "delivery standards." The USPS, under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, has instated policy that undermine the USPS success. Why is he removing mail sorting machines without any official explanation? Why dismantle and remove them rather than just not operate them? Can you imagine how long it would take to sort by hand the 471.2 million mail pieces each day? How is this cost cutting? What is the GOP afraid of?

When is Upton going to stand up for the people he represents? Mail-in ballots are necessary this year especially with the COVID threat (Michigan is not even requiring masks at polling stations).

Is Upton threatened by mail-in ballots? Or is it the whole controversy is too political for him and he'll continue to keep his head in the sand?

What is he personally going to do to stop this foolishness? His supreme representative admits he wants no mail-in ballots for the presidential election in November.

He's afraid, is Upton?

Stand up and be heard Mr. Upton. Do something!

Suzanne Anderson
Berrien Springs

Vote to protect our democracy

Editor,

The health of a democracy can be gauged by many metrics, but one of the most important is access to voting. The right to elect those who represent us at all levels of government is one of our most fundamental rights. Over the past few years, and especially in the past few months, we are watching that right be eroded significantly.

In America we pride ourselves on open markets with fair competition. Competing on having the better product or idea is how you are supposed to win. But this does not apply to politics. Many politicians don't try to convince voters that they have the best ideas, but rather look for ways to limit or suppress voter turnout. For example:

■ We have weakened the Voting Rights Acts of 1965, which was passed to prohibit racial discrimination in voting. States are now able to create ways to remove people (mainly of color) from the registers. An example is where people are removed from voting registers because their name matches a person in another state.

■ In many highly populated areas, polling locations are being limited, resulting in significantly long lines where people give up on voting because they can't afford the time to wait.

■ The post office is currently being used to slow down mail-in/absentee voting, potentially meaning many votes will never get counted. As Michigan now allows every registered voter to vote by absentee ballot, this becomes a big issue.

■ In many states, people who have gone to jail and have served their time are forbidden from voting after they have come out of prison.

In all cases, we are allowing the politicians to select who can vote instead of voters selecting who represents us. By reducing turnout, they hope to win, even though their ideas are favored by fewer citizens.

Over the next few months I urge every one of us to ensure your vote gets counted, whether by mail or in person. Urge your state representative and senator to pass legislation to allow early counting of absentee ballots and to count absentee ballots received after polls close if they are postmarked prior to Election Day. Ask Congressman Upton and our two senators what they are doing to ensure the post office will meet the service levels required of this election. Let's also make sure the candidate we vote for will strengthen our most fundamental right to vote. Our democracy depends on it.

Richard Vavra-Musser
Stevensville

Kauffmann's historical perspective will be missed

Editor,

I was sorry to hear the news that Bruce Kauffmann passed. Over the years I have enjoyed reading his historical column on the Opinion Page.

Remembering where we have been and calling to mind those who have gone before us provided a good balance to the other opinion pieces focusing on current events. He will be missed.

Debra Panozzo
Stevensville

ANOTHER OPINION

Do your part to hasten end of COVID-19

The litany of COVID-19's curtailments is long. In-person schools and offices, the freedom to visit friends and family at will, and indoor gatherings of many types rank high, among many others. These share a tantalizing commonality: If the virus ever subsides, we can get past them and resume a semblance of former lifestyles.

College conferences such as the Big Ten and PAC-12 added to the losses list by canceling the season of football and other fall sports. The widely expected decision showed how farsighted planning must be to even contemplate a post-COVID-19 life: months, not weeks.

The pandemic and its costs have been needlessly prolonged by several factors: the botched federal response, resistance to protective measures and casual departures in discipline. Businesses that disregard state mask mandates and distancing share the blame. So do masses of fraternity members who congregate for maskless beers, and politicians who dismiss and undercut mask-wearing.

It doesn't have to be this way. Rigorous, responsible and self-enforced protective efforts by everyone could bring a semblance of normal life back within weeks.

That's science talking, not just wishful thinking. The prestigious New England Journal of Medicine published a study July 29 assessing the potential reopening of America's elementary schools. Its examination of successful global efforts pegged significant pandemic suppression to "less than two months" of "stringent community control measures" – that is, everyone in a mask and nonessential indoor spaces shut down for a short, difficult period.

"If such measures were adopted now, transmission in many states could probably be reduced to safe levels for mid-September or early-October school reopenings," wrote the paper's authors, researchers from Harvard University and the United Kingdom.

Weeks later "such measures" are not uniformly required. The medicine is hard to take. Masks aren't comfortable, and shuttered businesses don't make money. But look around – the series of closures and reclosures now extends months ahead. And as long as the infection rate stubbornly rises again after each dip, this ordeal will endure. Children will likely be home from school for long months. Perhaps a vaccine will be discovered. If so, testing, distribution and mass inoculation will require still more time.

Don't wait. Help now and act responsibly and vigilantly.

To get normal life back, exercise extraordinary discipline in the near term.

Mask up, and stay socially distant. It hurts, but it's the way.

– The Seattle Times

OBITUARIES

Susan June Marlette

1949 - 2020

ROCHESTER HILLS — On Tuesday morning, July 28, 2020, Susie was reunited with her dearly departed family and friends in heaven.

Susie was born in South Haven, on Feb. 17, 1949. She grew up on her parents' farm with her two brothers in Bangor, Mich., a town where she would renew ties with family and friends on a regular basis throughout the years to come. Her early years included work and play around the farm (she always thought of herself as a country girl), numerous family camping trips (feeding her life-long passion for travel) and regular gatherings with the many family and friends in the area. She was a member of 4H, a regular at local church camps, sang in school choir and was a top student in her class. She developed a love of sports through her active lifestyle, attended local community sports events and treasured the trips into Detroit when her favorite sports icon, Mickey Mantle, came to town. She grew up attending the Bangor Church of Christ where the family worshiped for years. She also received an upright piano as a gift from her Grandma June paid for with money that Grandma had raised picking blueberries. She would hone her skills on the piano for years to come.

Susie graduated from Bangor High School in 1967 and went on to college at Ferris State. It was there that she met Tom and in 1969, they married and began their shared journey.

Tom and Susie moved to Taylor, Mich., where they had their first son, Steven. After several moves, they settled in Tom's hometown of Port Huron, Mich., and they had their second son, Timothy. In 1987, Tom, Susie and the boys headed west to Aurora, Colo., where Tom and Susie would remain until moving back to Michigan in 2012. Susie provided care for her mother and father in their later days and ultimately moved into the 3-generation family home in Bangor following their passing. As Susie's physical capabilities diminished, she and Tom shared their final residence together on the St. Clair River before she moved to nursing care.

Susie is survived by sons: Steven (Jennifer) Marlette and Timothy Marlette; grandkids: Meghan and Nicholas Marlette, and brothers: Gary Freestone and Gordie Freestone. She was preceded in death by her parents: Warren and Helen (Overton) Freestone, and her beloved Thomas Marlette.

Susie was a consummate planner deft at coordinating a busy schedule. She worked several full-time jobs over the years as an assistant in the local high school office, an office manager for a forms printing business and ultimately owning and operating a cleaning business which helped provide extra capital for further education and travel for the family. She was always generous with her time and served as a board member and active participant in numerous churches and charitable organizations. However, there were three activities that she most poured her passions into – her love of her family and friends, her love of sharing God with others through music and her love of the great outdoors.

Influenced by the generations before her, Susie inherited an uncanny ability to connect with others. Her genuine interest and concern for the life experiences of so many led to an endless stream of phone calls, prayer chains, tea parties, quilting sessions, koinonia gatherings and dinner events. Mom was an effective communicator and she brought her all to each conversation.

Her love of Jesus was demonstrated through her sharing of music. Hours of practice and making music around the house helped her become a uniquely talented musician. Her vocal, piano and organ performance ministered to the hearts of many for well over half of a century. And, when she wasn't producing music of her own, she loved to attend musical events – Christian artists, orchestras, piano and vocal recitals and the theater.

And then there was Susie's love of "God's creation." She cherished the detail of nature – studying the designs on a flower petal, observing the wispiness of summer clouds, searching for shooting stars from the blanket on a backyard hill, splashing with grandkids in a rain puddle, smelling the fresh Colorado mountain air on a 100-mile bike ride, listening to the trickle of a creek on a walk in Northern Michigan, enjoying a drive through the deep green countryside during visits to the British Isles and the list goes on. And, when in these settings, it was not unusual to hear her break into song.

The family appreciates the prayers and contacts made through phone calls, emails, text messages, cards and flowers to Susie. The pandemic created a challenging environment for her to connect with others in recent months. She did enjoy her FaceTime discussions with her boys and especially hearing about the happenings of her grandkids who would play their musical instruments for her. Seeing the heritage of music being carried on in this youngest generation brought special joy and peace to her in her final days.

Susie will always be remembered for her authentic love and deep understanding of her family and friends, her steadfast faith, her gentle spirit, her appreciation for and recognition of the simple things in life, her quick wit, her willingness to help others in unimaginable ways, her commitment to physical fitness, and her excitement in new experiences.

The family honors the memory of Susie and invites you to share in a virtual celebration of life at 2 p.m. Aug. 22. Access the following link – https://www.virtualmemorialgatherings.com/memorial-services/susan-june-marlette – to RSVP and receive details on the service.

Private graveside services for Susie will be held at the Lakeside Cemetery in Port Huron, Michigan and the Arlington Hill Cemetery in Bangor, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to: First Congregational Church of Bangor, 211 N Walnut Street, Bangor, MI 49013 – https://www.ourlittlechurch.rocks/take-action

Bangor Historical Society, c/o Bob Emmert, PO Box 25, Bangor, MI 49013

Crescendo Detroit, 18696 Cherrylawn, Detroit, MI 48221 – https://www.crescendodetroit.org

Death notices

Evelyn Locena Arrans, 95, died Aug. 16, 2020. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101

Jerry Mansfield, 72, of Portage died Aug. 16, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Susan June Marlette, died July 28, 2020. Smith Family Funeral Hone, Port Huron, Mich., 810-985-4351.

Roberto Torres Sr., 80, of Lawton died Aug. 15, 2020. Betzler & Thompson Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Evelyn Locena Arrans

Oct. 14, 1924 - Aug. 16, 2020

Evelyn Locena Arrans, 95, was born Oct. 14, 1924, and passed away Aug. 16, 2020, at her home in Paw Paw. Evelyn was the daughter of Guy and Hazel (Crankshaw) Smith, who preceded her in death.

In January of 1941, Evelyn was united in marriage to Gilbert LeRoy Arrans, who also preceded her in death along with a daughter, Locena Leone Harris; a brother, Fredrick Smith and three sisters; Elwanda Curtis, Elvira Channels and Zeta Smith.

Evelyn is survived by children: Elena (Bill) Krause, Leeon (Dixie) Arrans, Guy (Beth) Arrans, Gary (Cathy) Arrans, Nettie (Billie) Briley, and son-in-law, Don Harris; a brother, Daune (Jan) Smith, and many nieces and nephews. Evelyn is also survived by grandchildren: Penny, Don Jr., Wayne, and Cheryl Harris, Kaye Johnson, Kim Ellis, Bill Krause II, Eric Arrans, Angela Murphy, Shelly Whitaker, Brett Arrans, Lynn and Cara Arrans, Heather LaBlanc and Billy Briley II. Evelyn had 33 great-grandchildren, two great-step grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, one great-great-step grandchild, and good friend, Elaine Kidder.

Evelyn was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, honorary aunt and grandparent to many people who will always remember and love her. Evelyn never met a person she didn't call a friend. She will be greatly missed by all.

The family will welcome friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the East Arlington Baptist Church, where a celebration of life service to honor Evelyn's memory will follow. Pastor Glen Cowles will officiate. Evelyn will be laid to rest, next to her husband in Hicks Cemetery, Arlington Township. Instead of flowers Evelyn would like memorials to be made to Eleanor's Pantry or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

COVID-19 could make health care even more unaffordable for Americans, study finds

By SARAH GANTZ
The Philadelphia Inquirer

More than 40 percent of American adults under age 65 don't have sufficient health insurance and struggle to pay for health care, and the coronavirus pandemic could make health care even more unaffordable, according to a new report by the Commonwealth Fund.

Previous research has found that the unprecedented rise in unemployment due to the pandemic has not meant an equally dramatic rise in the number of people who are uninsured. That's because many people who lost their job during the pandemic never had insurance to lose in the first place. Many got covered under a spouse's plan, while others became poor enough that they could qualify for Medicaid.

But health-care affordability is about more than insurance – ask anybody who is insured and still can't afford health care. The pandemic will just aggravate family budgets, said Sara Collins, vice president of the Commonwealth Fund, a national health-care policy organization.

"So much with this pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our health-care system, and cost exposure is one of them," Collins said. "The affordability problem in U.S. health care is just persistent and we don't see a lot of change. Those issues are continuing to happen at pretty high levels and they are disproportionately affecting people with low income, people of color – people who were affected by the pandemic."

According to the Commonwealth Fund's Biennial Health Insurance Survey, 21 percent of adults were "underinsured" in the first half of 2020, meaning they had health insurance but spent more than 10 percent of their household income on health-care costs beyond plan premiums.

About 12.5 percent of working-age adults were uninsured and 9.5 percent suffered a gap in coverage, according to the report.

The survey, among the first to evaluate insurance coverage during the pandemic, found that insured rates are about the same as previous years. But researchers worry that the pandemic's long-term effect on the economy will have an outsized impact on people who are already struggling more to pay for health care:

■ 40 percent of Latino people and 24 percent of Black people were uninsured at some point in the last year, compared to 17 percent of white individuals.

■ 38 percent of people who work for a business with fewer than 20 employees were without insurance at some point during the year, compared with 12 percent of workers at companies with 100 or more employees. Under the Affordable Care Act, businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees are not required to offer health insurance.

■ 34 percent of families earning less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level (about $28,300 for a family of three) were uninsured at least part of the year, compared with 10 percent of families with incomes above 400 percent of the poverty level (about $86,800 for a family of three).

More than a quarter of adults who were insured all year said they had trouble with a medical bill or medical debt in the last year, according to the Commonwealth Fund survey. Among those paying off medical debt, half said they owed more than $2,000.

Rising deductibles that outpace wage growth are among the main drivers of high out-of-pocket costs, according to the report. A deductible is what an individual must spend before the plan begins to cover health expenses at a higher rate.

The share of adults with a deductible greater than $1,000 has doubled since 2010, when high-deductible plans became a popular way to deal with the soaring cost of insurance. In 2020, 46 percent of privately insured adults have a deductible greater than $1,000, compared with 22 percent in 2010, according to the study.

"Unless there's a significant drop in deductibles in private coverage, many households are going to face health-care costs that are going to take up a larger share of shrinking household budgets," Collins said.

In the early months of the pandemic, analysts feared that a surge in unemployment would escalate the number of people who are uninsured, because employer-sponsored health plans are the most common type of health insurance for working-age adults.

Yet a July study by the Urban Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that the uninsured rate has risen during the pandemic, but not in proportion to historic increases in unemployment. About 60 percent of people who lost a job due to the pandemic already had insurance from another source, that report found.

Many people who did lose insurance due to a layoff were able to get covered under a family member's plan, while others were newly eligible for Medicaid. Some signed up for an individual health plan through the federal insurance marketplace healthcare.gov or their state's marketplace.

But still others may not have known they were eligible for a healthcare.gov special enrollment period – a 60-day window permitted to anyone who loses insurance through a layoff.

Analysts will be watching how the pandemic affects the upcoming fall open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act marketplaces, Collins said.

Loss of employer-sponsored coverage could draw more people to the individual marketplace, but whether more people actually sign up could depend on whether the plans are affordable.

In the Commonwealth Fund's new report, 42 percent of people who sought an individual health plan through the marketplace in the last three years did not end up purchasing one. The most common reason was that the plans were too expensive.

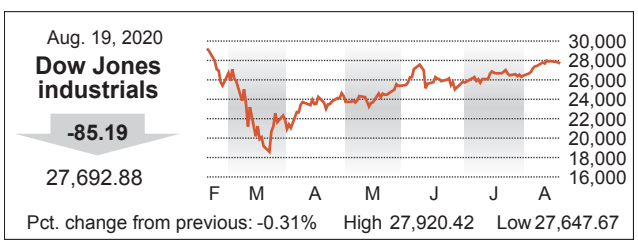
Getting it straight

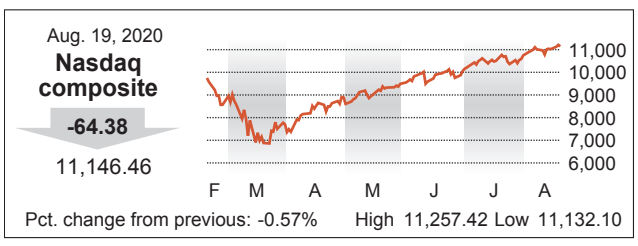
The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

A story that ran Tuesday on page A1 about the Berrien County Youth Fair misquoted Fair Manager Karen Klug. The limit is actually 100 people in an outdoor space, under the state's executive order.

MARKETS





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$80.92 **-.63 -.8%**
▼ **4-wk.** -9.4% ▼ **YTD** -14.4%

Whirlpool WHR
$184.37 **+2.37 +1.3%**
▲ **4-wk.** +25.5% ▲ **YTD** +25.0%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	29.73	-.06	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	80.92	-.63	-0.8	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	201.00	464.35	462.83	+.58	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1210.00	-1.81	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
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CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.68	-.24	-0.4	▼	▼	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	47.37	-1.05	-2.2	▼	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.32	-.22	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	195.85	191.99	-.14	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	127.77	-1.15	-0.9	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	99.75	+.51	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	75.18	41.96	-.47	-1.1	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	20.16	+.08	+0.4	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	34.71	+.13	+0.4	▼	▲	▼
FordM	F	3.96	9.65	6.87	-.02	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.38	-.06	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	290.58	282.86	-2.14	-0.8	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	11.04	+.08	+0.7	▼	▲	▲
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IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	175.79	-.77	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	123.84	-1.08	-0.9	▼	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	98.55	+.23	+0.2	▼	▼	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	150.39	+.30	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
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McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.02	209.51	-.81	-0.4	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	217.64	209.70	-1.28	-0.6	▲	▼	▲
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Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	53.73	-.49	-0.9	▲	▼	▼
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Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	10.89	+.24	+2.3	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	186.10	-3.26	-1.7	▼	▼	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	26.79	-.10	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	85.53	138.69	154.22	+17.32	+12.7	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	155.25	153.92	+.90	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	162.70	160.34	+.35	+0.2	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	59.05	-.13	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	91.72	-.20	-0.2	▲	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	137.63	132.41	-2.30	-1.7	▼	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	40.25	-.51	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.18	-.41	-1.9	▼	▼	▼
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XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	83.64	+2.68	+3.3	▲	▲	▲

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Reeds have a kitchen anyone would envy. Steven Reed and Susan Dietrich-Reed of St. Joseph are among the five grand prize winners in the Ladies Home Journal's Room Makeover contest. The Reeds' new kitchen is featured in the magazines September issue. Even though it's not quite the right shade, Reed said he likes the green and white color scheme because he's a Michigan State University graduate.

1985 – 35 years ago

Lori Golze, daughter of St. Joseph residents, Roy and Dorothy Golze, has carved a niche for herself in the traditionally male-dominated field of chemical engineering. Ms. Golze, 27, is currently a process engineer at a Pfizer Chemical Co., plant in Sidney, Neb. She has over 30 male subordinates at the plant, which extracts hops for sale to brewing companies. "What I like most about my job is the trouble shooting," Miss Golze said. "When something goes wrong, I have to find out where in the overall process, why, and then come up with a solution to the problem. It's very challenging." She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1980, and recalls that there "were very few women in the same course of study."

1970 – 50 years ago

High school bandsmen from Buchanan will join an estimated 2,000 other young musicians invading Michigan State University Monday through Saturday for a marching band clinic. While on the campus, the high school musicians will receive 12 hours of training each day, directed by their own leader. He will be assisted by members of the MSU music department and other specialists. In all, bands from 20 schools will participate in a total of three weeks of similar clinics.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Aug. 20, the 233rd day of 2020. There are 133 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 20, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly $1 billion anti-poverty measure.

On this date:

In 1862, the New York Tribune published an open letter by editor Horace Greeley calling on President Abraham Lincoln to take more aggressive measures to free the slaves and end the South's rebellion.

In 1920, pioneering American radio station 8MK in Detroit (later WWJ) began daily broadcasting.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Coyoacan, Mexico by Ramon Mercader, a Spanish Communist agent working at the behest of Josef Stalin. (Trotsky died the next day.)

In 1953, the Soviet Union publicly acknowledged it had tested a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

In 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
82°	62°	84° / 63°	85° / 66°	84° / 67°	83° / 65°

Local Outlook

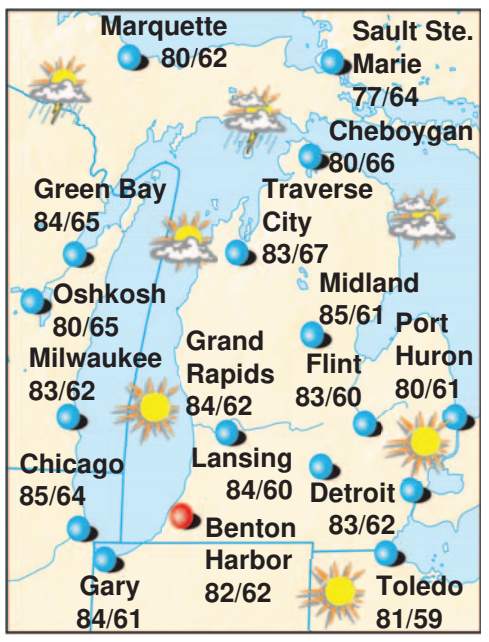
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 50%. South southwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 62°. South wind 1 to 5 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high of 84°, humidity of 52%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise	8:35 a.m.
Moonset	10:00 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
8/25	9/2	9/10	9/17

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	79°
Low	52°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	61°
Record High	89° in 2019
Record Low	51° in 2000

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal for month	2.61"
Year to date	25.74"
Normal Year to date	23.84"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

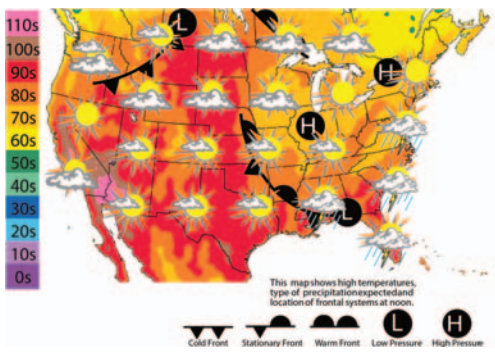
Weather Trivia

Does cold air hold more or less moisture than warm air? ?

Answer: Less moisture.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 20, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 7 to 9 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Clear. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. Southwest wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s. South southwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

Democrats, GOP probe for a path forward on stimulus talks

By BILLY HOUSE
Bloomberg News

Democratic and Republican leaders are hinting that they are looking for a path toward reviving stalled negotiations on the next round of pandemic relief for the U.S. economy, even as both sides remain far from any deal.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi suggested that Democrats might be willing to cut more from their proposal to reach agreement on immediate needs and – with the party growing more confident of gains in the November elections – return to do more after votes are cast.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, meanwhile, said Pelosi's decision to break out $25 billion in funding for the Postal Service from the original Democratic relief plan could provide an opening for talks.

"The outlook for a skinny deal is better than it's ever been, and yet we're still not there," White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows told reporters Wednesday.

Although Pelosi is bringing the House back to Washington to vote Saturday on a post office bill that would prevent any cutbacks by the agency as well as provide the extra money, there was no sign McConnell would act to bring back the Senate from its break. Any accord is still likely to wait until September even as the U.S. economy is limping along with many businesses still struggling and millions of Americans out of work.

Pelosi said both sides "have to try to come to that agreement now."

She suggested Democrats might go beyond their most recent offer to trim the $3.5 trillion relief package the House passed in May and come back later for the rest.

"We're willing to cut our bill in half to meet the needs right now," she said Tuesday at a Politico Playbook event. "We'll take it up again in January."

Pelosi's spokesman Drew Hammill later said that she was referring to previous offers to meet Republicans "halfway, not cutting our bill in half."

Senate Republicans offered their own $1 trillion plan at the end of July. During negotiations earlier this month, Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said they had offered to cut their proposal by $1 trillion if the White House and GOP would raise their's by the same amount. They were rebuffed.

The Trump administration sees a possibility for Republicans and Democrats to agree on a smaller round of pandemic relief totaling $500 billion that would omit the biggest areas of disagreement, a senior U.S. official said on Tuesday night.

The official, who discussed the matter on the condition of anonymity, said that both parties might be able to reach an accord on issues like financial help for the Postal Service, aid to schools and more money for businesses to keep their workers employed.

That is far short of what Democrats want.

Pelosi in the past has rejected such an approach. Yet she's also getting some pressure from fellow Democrats to offer partial relief. Representatives Scott Peters of California, Donald Beyer of Virginia and Derek Kilmer of Washington State are seeking support from other members to ask Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer for a vote on extending the $600 a week in extra unemployment aid that expired at the end of last month.

Whitmer assessing if businesses can open after long closures

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Wednesday that her administration is assessing the risk of reopening Michigan businesses that have been closed for five months under her orders to curb the spread of the coronavirus, saying she will have more to say next week.

Movie theaters, gyms and indoor pools are among the places that remain barred from operating in much of the state amid the pandemic. The Democratic governor told reporters her office is working with the state health department to "drill down" into businesses that are closed, "where we can do another assessment on risk mitigation and determine if we might consider making some improvements in the policy."

Michigan Office of the Governor via AP

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state during a speech in Lansing, on Wednesday. Whitmer announced that she will allocate nearly $65 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars to Michigan school districts, higher education institutions, and other education-related entities that have been most significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whitmer said other states have taken "bad" steps that "we don't want to do," but there are "perhaps some things that they have done and been successful." She has come under criticism from the owners of theaters and fitness clubs – which are now open with capacity restrictions in many other states – for letting Detroit casinos reopen at 15 percent capacity about two weeks ago while keeping their businesses shut.

The governor made her comments after announcing that Michigan will allocate $60 million in federal virus relief aid to school districts where more than half of the students are economically disadvantaged. The money can be used to implement health and safety protocols, to buy laptops and devices for online instruction, to provide mental health services and to mitigate learning loss.

An additional $5.4 million will go to other education-related entities. The dollars come from an emergency education fund set aside for governors in the U.S. rescue package and are in addition to $530 million previously allocated to schools and teachers.

Districts' funding will be based on their numbers of low-income, special education and English language learners. Whitmer and the Republican-led Legislature have yet to tell schools' their funding for the fiscal year that starts in less than a month and a half, however, as they hold out hope for more federal aid while facing a projected $3 billion shortfall due to lower tax revenues.

Her administration and legislative economist will meet next week to revise budget estimates.

"If we do not get some help in the middle of this pandemic that has caused this recession, it's going to be very hard for all of us," Whitmer said.

The state reported nine additional deaths related to COVID-19 and 616 new confirmed cases of the virus. The total death and case counts are above 6,600 and 104,000 when probable infections are included. Over the past two weeks, the seven-day daily case average has remained mostly constant at about 741. The per-capita rate ranks lower than all but 10 other states, according to an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

Information sought about plane that flew under Mighty Mac

ST. IGNACE (AP) — Authorities are seeking information about a plane that flew under the Mackinac Bridge in late June.

"This was extremely reckless behavior on the part of the pilot, and it imperiled the safety of everyone on the bridge that day," said Det. Sgt. Gary Demers of the Michigan State Police.

"We hope that someone can come forward with information to help us make sure it doesn't happen again," Demers said.

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time."

The state Unemployment Insurance Agency estimated that about 910,000 residents will get the extra $300. They will be paid retroactively to Aug. 1. It was unclear when the payments will begin or how many weeks they will cover.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has said the additional funding may last roughly five or six weeks depending on how many states participate. Michigan's unemployment rate dropped to 8.7 percent in July, from 14.8 percent in June, and was below the national rate of 10.2 percent. About 103,000 payroll jobs were added.

Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, said the state in three months has recovered about half of the 1 million jobs that were cut due to the pandemic in March and April.

Michigan's unemployment insurance trust fund, which is funded by employer taxes and had $4.6 billion before the virus outbreak, is now at $1.7 billion following months of record-high claims.

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undisclosed health problems.

Yates was later named supervisor in December.

At the time, township officials said they were putting the superintendent position on the back burner.

"Kelli had left, (former comptroller) Crispin (Ward) was terminated and Kevin and Carolyn (Fowler) had passed away," Boothby said recalling the turbulent six-month period for the township. "At that point, we were very low on staffing."

The new comptroller, who was hired in June, has taken on the financial duties of the superintendent, Boothby said. The move was plausible because Smith had served as comptroller before being promoted to superintendent.

Overseeing personnel and attending committee meetings in the wake of Smith's departure are being handled by Boothby, Phillips and Yates.

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